

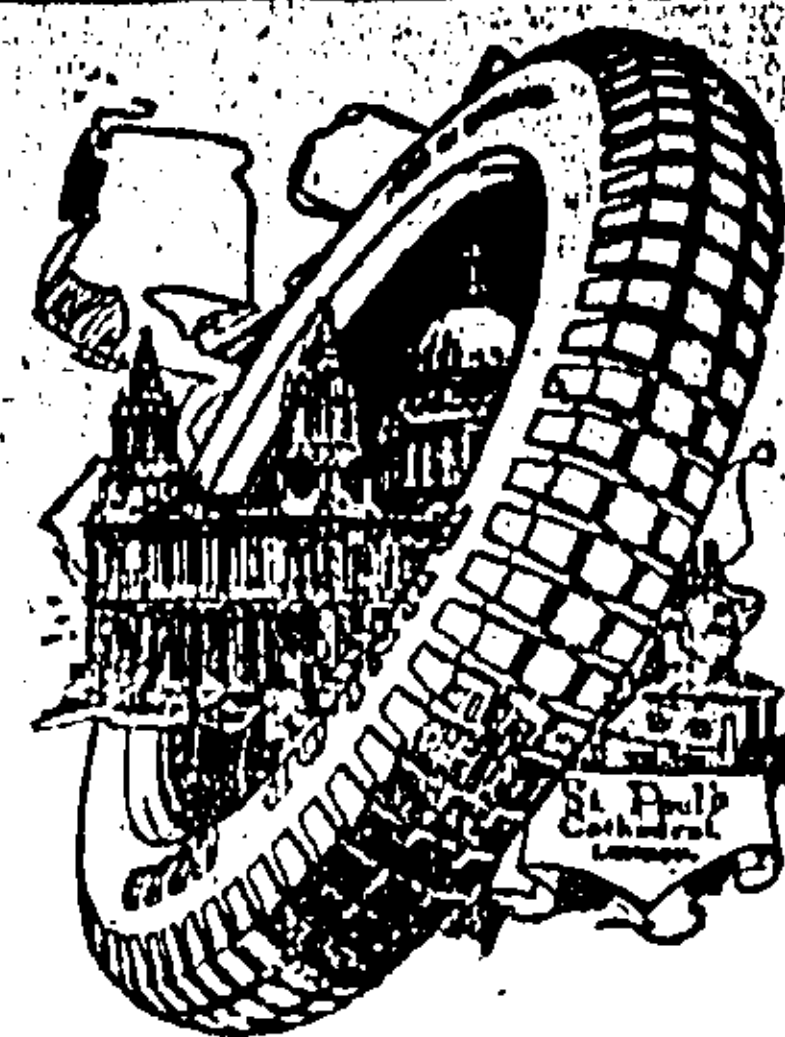
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PIRATES CAUGHT BY BRITISH SHIPS.

DRAMATIC AFFAIR NEAR BIAS BAY.

PRAISEWORTHY FEAT FINISHED OFF BY H.M.S. SOMME.

SEA-RAIDERS ARRESTED.

TWO British merchant ships played a praiseworthy part in a little two-act drama enacted off Pedro Blanco, the northern arm of Bias Bay yesterday morning, intervening in a piratical attack on a trading junk with such success that twelve alleged pirates are now in the hands of the Hongkong police.

The suspects were brought into Hongkong by H.M.S. Somme last night, the destroyer having picked up a wireless message giving the whereabouts of the attempted piracy while exercising in Mirs Bay.

H.M.S. Somme immediately went to the assistance of the s.s. Hangsang and s.s. Soochow, the vessels concerned in the adventure, found that three junks, two of them pirate craft, had been rounded up, took charge of the affair, bringing the three junks and the suspects to Hongkong, arriving late last night.

HANGSANG AND SOOCHOW'S WORK.

Full details of the affair may not be available until the return of the Hangsang and Soochow, which were bound from Hongkong to Tsingtao, via Swatow, and which continued their voyage, but an exceedingly interesting story has been obtained from officers aboard the Somme.

It was the firing of shots from small arms, accompanied by cries of "save life" which first drew the attention of the s.s. Hangsang (Captain A. D. Kelman) as she was approaching Pedro Blanco, then four hours out of Hongkong. The dramatic spectacle was presented of a small junk scuttling with full sail before the wind, evincing signs of great distress, while pressing closely in her wake, were two other junks with black sails from which volleys of shots were being poured into the fugitive craft.

Escape Cut Off. Taking in the situation, the Hangsang altered her course and bore in on the pursuing junks. The tables were turned, the pirate junks in their turn became fugitives, as they sought to escape the attentions of the unexpected intervenor. They turned tail, but whatever line of escape they attempted was intercepted by the Hangsang, which like a Nemesis, unrelentingly bore on them, threatening to cut them in two.

Soochow Joins In. Soon afterwards, the B. & S. Soochow (Capt. P. J. Green) which left Hongkong an hour after the Hangsang arrived on the scene, and gave effective assistance to the other steamer in rounding up the suspected craft.

A wireless message sent out by the Hangsang was intercepted by H.M.S. Somme then cruising about in the adjacent waters of Mirs Bay. The Somme proceeded with all speed to the spot indicated in the message, and found the steamers standing by the suspected craft. After a brief report by Captain Kelman, the Commander of the Somme detailed off naval parties, which boarding the two suspected junks, took off both of their crews, bringing them back on the Somme where they were detained under close guard.

Arms Thrown Overboard. It is stated that before the arrival of the warship Captain Kelman observed something being dumped overboard from the junks, probably the arms. No arms of any description were actually discovered when the naval

KING'S SISTER SUDDENLY DIES IN SLEEP.

TWO DAUGHTERS AT DEATH-BED.

COURT MOURNING FOR SIX WEEKS.

PRINCESS ROYAL.

London, Jan. 4. The Princess Royal, the King's eldest sister, who has been an invalid for some time, died suddenly from heart failure this afternoon. Her condition had given rise to a great deal of anxiety, but the end was somewhat unexpected.

A bulletin issued this evening stated: "The Princess Royal passed away somewhat suddenly in her sleep at 2.30 p.m. in the presence of her daughters, Princess Arthur of Connaught and Lady Maud Carnegie, who had received urgent messages when signs of heart failure became apparent."

It is officially stated that there will be six weeks' Court Mourning, four of full mourning and two weeks of half-mourning.

Wreck of "Delhi."

The Princess Royal, who was born in 1867, married, at the age of 22, the Earl of Fife, who was not of Royal blood, the love match appealing strongly to the public. The Earl was created Duke of Fife at the wedding breakfast.



With her husband and two daughters, the Princess had a narrow escape from death in 1911 when the liner "Delhi" in which they were travelling for the opening of the Khartoum Cathedral, was wrecked off Tangier.

They were all thrown into the sea when their lifeboat collapsed, but were rescued by sailors. The Duke died in Egypt a month after the wreck.

Distaste for Court Life.

Naturally quiet and retiring, the Princess participated less than any other member of the Royal Family in social and state functions. Most of her time was spent at her home Mar Lodge, Aberdeenshire.

It is recorded that the Princess was born on February 20, 1867 and from the age of 19 the Princess developed a keen distaste of court routine. Her brother, now King George, but then only a midshipman in the British Navy and second in line to the throne, one day drew his sword and "dubbed" his sister "Her Royal Shyness" a title which she bore since that time. She was not created Princess Royal until 1905.

Defied Family.

A great favourite of Queen Victoria, her grandmother, she was marked out from an early age for a diplomatic marriage with a prominent Continental Prince.

Princess Louise, however, defied her grandmother and the entire Royal Household declaring that she would marry "for love."

After her marriage, at the request of the Duke, she immediately dispensed with her ladies-in-waiting, special guards on State occasions and other Royal formalities. They resided at Duff House, Scotland, the Duke's home, until the Princess' health broke down, when much time was spent by the Duke and Duchess travelling on

WHOLESALE MURDER FEARS.

BLOODSTAINS ON EMPTY JUNK.

CRAFT ADRIFT.

BOUND WOMAN FOUND IN WATER.

Following the discovery of an abandoned junk and the body of a woman with her hands tied behind her back, near the Lai-chikok waterworks, police suspect that wholesale murder has been committed in that vicinity. The woman had so far not been identified. Dragging for further bodies is being carried out. At 10.15 p.m. yesterday the junk, a passenger craft No. 13966V, was found drifting into the dock near the water-works, with no one aboard. All valuables and even clothing had been removed following the discovery of bloodstains on the deck. Investigations resulted in the finding of a woman's body floating in the water in the vicinity, a few hours later. The woman had the

FARMERS STARVING IN ARKANSAS.

Five Hundred Storm Town in Scent of Food.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENES.

New York, Jan. 4. Extraordinary scenes are reported from England, Arkansas, the erstwhile rich agricultural district. "We want food. Give us food for our starving families," was the piteous cry of five hundred famished farmers, who stormed the town yesterday, threatening to seize the food in the stores. Their crops were destroyed in the ravages of the autumn drought and their livelihood has gone. The Red Cross managed to supply nearly three hundred, but the remainder were unlucky. —*Reuter's American Service.*

appearance of a sunpan dweller and seemed about 30 years of age. A rope was twisted tightly round her neck and her hands were bound behind her back.

Police believe the woman was one of the crew of the junk, as the body did not appear to have been in the water for any length of time. Dragging is being carried on to discover whether the woman is the solitary victim, or if others, if not the entire crew, have been murdered.

CHINESE NAVAL PLANS.

CHIANG CONFERS WITH OFFICERS.

Shanghai, Jan. 4. President Chiang Kai-shek entertained a number of naval officers at his residence here this afternoon and discussed with Admiral Yang Shu-chang and Vice-Admiral Chan Shao-kuen plans for the reorganization of the National Navy.

The President is contemplating appointing a new Military Governor for Fukien to take the place of Admiral Yang Shu-chang.

the Continent and in Northern Africa.

Music Hobby.

After her husband's death, the Princess Royal spent much of her time in hunting in Scotland, but later gave up all strenuous travel and sport for a quieter life in Scotland. Music was the Princess' only hobby and she was an accomplished organist. —*Reuter's British Wireless and T.B.S.*

THE FELIX VILLA MURDER.

FULL STORY TOLD IN COURT.

BLOODSTAINS FOUND ON ACCUSED'S FINGERS.

WHAT WIDOW SAW.

The circumstances of the recent murder of the No. 1 house-boy employed by Mr. Ohl, of 9, Felix Villas, were recounted by Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director Criminal Intelligence) before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning when the hearing of the capital charge against Chu Suk-mei (22), a native of Shanghai, was commenced.

After explaining the lay-out of the premises at 9, Felix Villas, the residence of Mr. R. Ohl, the local agent of the Messageries Maritimes, Mr. Murphy said the deceased had been employed at the premises for about 18 months, first as house coolie and, about three months before the crime was committed, as the No. 1 "boy." The defendant was employed there as No. 1 "boy" up to the time of his dismissal, about three months before the murder.

Besides the defendant and the deceased, both of whom were natives of Shanghai, there were two baby amahs and a servant amah employed. The deceased and his wife occupied a room near the kitchen.

Servant Quarrels.

It appeared that the accused was dismissed for being involved in quarrels and also fights with the other servants, but, otherwise, it was believed, he had been a very satisfactory servant. After his dismissal the deceased was appointed in his place as No. 1 "boy" and he moved into the accused's old room.

The deceased appears to have been in fear of somebody wanting to do him an injury as there was an additional padlock on his door, besides the ordinary door lock. A slip of paper had been inserted into the door lock to prevent it from being opened from outside. To insert this piece of paper the lock had to be dismantled. Furthermore, there was an iron bar kept in the room, and it was assumed that this was there for defensive purposes.

Missing Keys.

Continuing, Mr. Murphy said the key that opened the bedroom also opened two other doors, and there had been, at one time, four duplicates, but about three months ago, during the time that the accused was still employed, three disappeared, the remaining one being kept by the deceased.

After the crime, this key was found on the table in the kitchen, out of reach of any person from outside. It had been bent in such a way that it could not be inserted from outside. On the night of the murder, the baby amahs slept upstairs in the main building. The deceased and his wife were sleeping in their own room next to the kitchen, and the cook in another room in the servants' quarters, with the wash amah in the adjoining room. It was believed that the doors had been secured for the night by the deceased.

Wife's Story.

Coming to the actual crime, Mr. Murphy said that at about 5 o'clock, or a few minutes before, on the morning of December 18, the deceased's wife was awakened by her husband getting out of bed. She would tell the Court that he put his shoes on, unlocked the door and went out. Just as he got outside the door, he made a half turn to the right and made a motion as if to switch on the electric light outside. The electric light in his room had already been switched on, but the light in the passage was never put on.

Just as he turned, his wife heard him shout more than once and then he moved forward and disappeared from her sight. Then, for a matter of a few moments, she saw the accused through the door of her room. When he came into view he was holding a stained knife in his hand. Neither spoke and accused to be concealed in another chamber. —*British Wireless.*

STANDARD OIL CO. OF N.J.

SHIPPING INTERESTS BEING CONSOLIDATED.

BIG NEW COMPANY.

New York, Jan. 4. The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has strengthened its operations abroad by the formation of "The International Company, Limited," in which is consolidated all the shipping activities of its subsidiaries in foreign waters.

The plan provides for bunkers and all other floating equipment of its seventeen subsidiaries in Europe to become "pooled" in one organization, with one management, which, it is believed, will be the largest private oil-carrying marine outfit on the other side of the Atlantic.

The lines on which the Company will be operated are said to be similar to those of the Standard Shipping Company, representing several thousand oil-tankers, barges and equipment for oil commerce in American waters.

The headquarters of the new Company will be established at Liechtenstein, and the operations include complete control of all other floating equipment, which will be allocated to various foreign subsidiaries affiliated with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Routes and cargoes will be designated, and additional tankers chartered if necessary, or idle tankers be chartered to the "pool." —*Reuter's American Service.*

INTERVENTION OF GOVERNMENT.

MAY BE SOUGHT IN THE COTTON DISPUTE.

London, Jan. 4. Prolonged negotiations in the complicated dispute between the employers and the operatives in the weaving section of the cotton industry were renewed yesterday after reaching a deadlock on Friday, but no agreement was found possible.

The dispute concerns a proposal to increase the number of looms in charge of each operative and its effect on wages and condition. A stoppage in some of the mills on Monday is inevitable, but great efforts will be made to prevent its spreading.

The points still at issue are regarded as of secondary importance and the intervention of the Government may be sought. —*British Wireless.*

BRITISH PLANES FOR BELGIUM.

TWO ORDERS TOTAL OVER £300,000.

London, Jan. 4. The Belgian Government has confirmed a large order for British two-seater fighter aeroplanes intended for re-equipment of the Belgian Army air regiments.

The contract, which was obtained in competition with foreign aircraft, provides for the delivery by the Fairey Aviation Company of a number of high speed "Fox" bi-planes, and follows rapidly upon an order placed by Belgium with the same Company for forty-five Firefly single-seater craft.

The total value of the two orders considerably exceeds £300,000. —*British Wireless.*

REMAINS OF IRISH ROYALTY.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY BY ANTIQUARIANS.

London, Jan. 4. Remains two thousands years old have been found on Sheehy Mountain, near Carrick-on-Shannon in Ireland.

After removing hundreds of tons of rock and rubble and block dressed masonry weighing ten tons, barring the entrance, antiquarians found in a Royal vault skeletons of the King and Queen facing towards the former Royal Seat of Tara. Treasure and armour are believed to be concealed in another chamber. —*British Wireless.*

AMY JOHNSON MAKES FORCED LANDING.

PLANE DAMAGED: FLIER UNHURT.

DRIVEN MILES OUT OF COURSE.

MRS. HAET'S FATE.

Encountering another spell of treacherous weather in the course of her attempted flight to Peking, Miss Amy Johnson made a forced landing to the north of Warsaw yesterday. Her plane was damaged, but Amy escaped without injury. She had been forced miles out of her course by five winds.

Warsaw, Jan. 4. Miss Amy Johnson, who was hours late at Berlin on her flight from Cologne owing to bad weather, experienced further trouble on the fourth hop of her flight, being blown miles out of her course and eventually being forced to land some sixty miles to the north of Warsaw.

Under-carriage Smashed.

Anxious enquiries revealed that the famous aviator was unhurt, but the under-carriage of her Gipsy Moth machine was smashed.

Later.

Miss Amy Johnson is now in Warsaw, having left her plane for the night abandoned in the field where she came down.

Engine Trouble and Fog.

Engine trouble and fog caused the mishap. After assistance was forthcoming, she was taken to the house of a priest, and managed to get into telephonic communication with the British Embassy at Warsaw.

She announced her intention of proceeding to Warsaw by train, but the Embassy despatched a fast motor-car to bring her to the Polish capital.

Amy Interviewed.

In an interview, Miss Johnson said she encountered extremely bad weather immediately she left Berlin. Adverse winds drove her steadily northwards, and she was forced to land in a small field on very rough ground. The under-carriage was badly damaged. It is not stated whether or not she will resume her flight. Repairs to the under-carriage would take some little time. —*Reuter.*

"Trade Wind's" Return.

New York, Jan. 4. The news of the safe arrival of the amphibian plane "Trade Wind" at the Hampton Road air base brought much relief to friends and relatives of the daring flier, Mrs. Beryl Hart, of New York, and Liout W. S. McLaren.

They set out on Saturday morning, with Bermuda as their destination, carrying a quantity of goods. They planned to make the Atlantic crossing in three hops, New York-Bermuda, Bermuda-Azores, Azores-Paris, and their arrival at Hampton Roads was a surprise.

Accident to Sextant.

It appears that an accident to the sextant and a complete change round of the wind caused the "Trade Wind" pilots to turn back and make Hampton Roads. They had been flying for fifteen hours when they landed.

The flight to Bermuda is being resumed to-morrow. —*Reuter.*

Another Woman Flier.

Berlin, Jan. 4. The German aviatrix, Elli Bohnhorn, took off in a light aeroplane from Staaken, near Spandau, this morning on a flight to West Africa, via Spain and Morocco, for the purpose of joining Professor Struck's scientific expedition in Portuguese West Africa. —*Reuter.*

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone is central to the north of Korea. The typhoon appears to be about 400 miles east of Padaran, moving west. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast is: N.E. winds, moderate; generally overcast; some drizzle at night.

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THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE.

London, Jan. 3.
Yesterday the Round Table Con-
ference reached a very important
stage in its discussions and pro-
gress in the last few days has
been such as to give hope of an
early and favourable conclusion
to its proceedings. A good num-
ber of Indian delegates have ar-
ranged to return home towards
the end of January.

A leader in the Times this morn-
ing reviews the progress made and
refers particularly to the impres-
sion in some quarters that the con-
ference is procrastinating or fail-
ing. It states that the delegates
themselves are not dissatisfied nor
dependent and informed outsiders
can only be amazed by what, in
fact, has been achieved. No
Conference in all history was ever
faced with problems so colossal,
complicated and independent.
Thanks to the Statutory Commis-
sion report and other documents
the basis of discussion was ready
but even so, and allowing for the
infinite variety of interests rep-
resented and the gift of oratory pos-
sessed by most of their exponents,
it must remain a remarkable ac-
complishment that a bare month
and a half should have produced
so large a measure of agreement
about so many elements in the fu-
ture constitution of India.

Future of Burma.

The question of Burma is prac-
tically decided and the contentious
problem of the North-West Fron-
tier, has passed through Sub-Com-
mittee with a minimum of re-
servations. Reports exist on future
franchise and provincial constitu-
tion. The Times believes that the
Hindu Moslem Tension, strained
almost beyond endurance by par-
tisan propaganda from India, show
signs of yielding to generous
statesmanship, and adds: "Let it
never be forgotten that the busi-
ness of the Round Table is not to
produce a draft constitution in de-
tail but to set before Parliament
in outline the largest possible
area of common ground."

Many difficult problems remain
and that a federal structure in-
cluding the vital question of the
character of the Central Executive
and responsibility to the Central
Legislature will take a few more
days in committee though they
were squarely faced in proper
sequence yesterday. "These dif-
ficulties are not removed but are
very materially diminished by the
new prospect of an All-India
Federation as an immediate pos-
sibility. The changes of a stable
legislature are far greater than
they were and the whole trend of
Round Table discussion has been
to reveal a unanimous agreement
on the necessity for a strong
government. Nor does anyone
seriously challenge the case for
what are commonly called reser-
vations and safeguards, which was
admitted with utmost frankness
by Sir Tej Sahra yesterday."

The Times leader points out that
whole theory of the Round Table
was that it was a common meet-
ing ground of fellow workers on
equal terms and claims for the
conference the valuable result of
bringing all its members down
from the clouds. The habit of
working together has grown, and
there is incomparably less of that
suspicion which Lord Sankey has
deprecated as an impossible founda-
tion for future peace. It con-
cludes: "The Conference may fair-
ly claim that it has neither wast-
ed time nor avoided crucial
issues."—British Wireless.

AN EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILED.

THREE DEAD AS RESULT OF CRASH.

London, Jan. 3.
The Edinburgh-London Express
was derailed at a sharp curve at
Carlisle. The nose of the engine
was buried in the embankment
and the front coaches were tele-
scoped.

Four were killed and 12 in-
jured.

Later.
Only three are dead as a result
of the Carlisle disaster, two men,
who were identified as railway
employees as they had on their

persons railway vouchers, and one
woman whose body, near theirs, is
not identified.

The disaster occurred at a sharp
curve in the line facing the foot-
ball field, where soldiers from
Carlisle Castle were playing. The

first two coaches were telescoped.
—Reuter.

London, Jan. 4.
The woman victim of the
Carlisle smash has been identified
as Mrs. Janet Haworth, from
Clapham.—Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 2.

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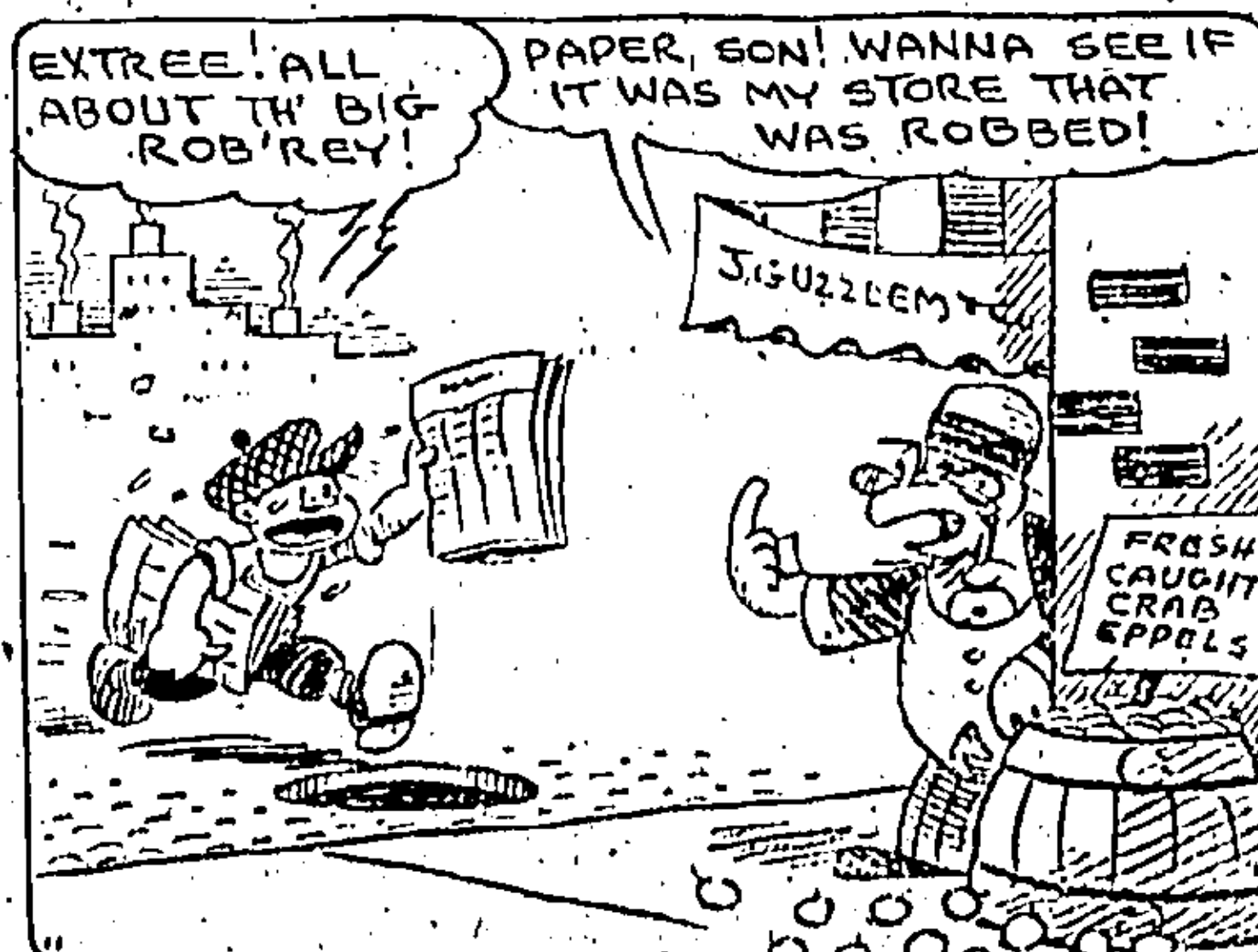
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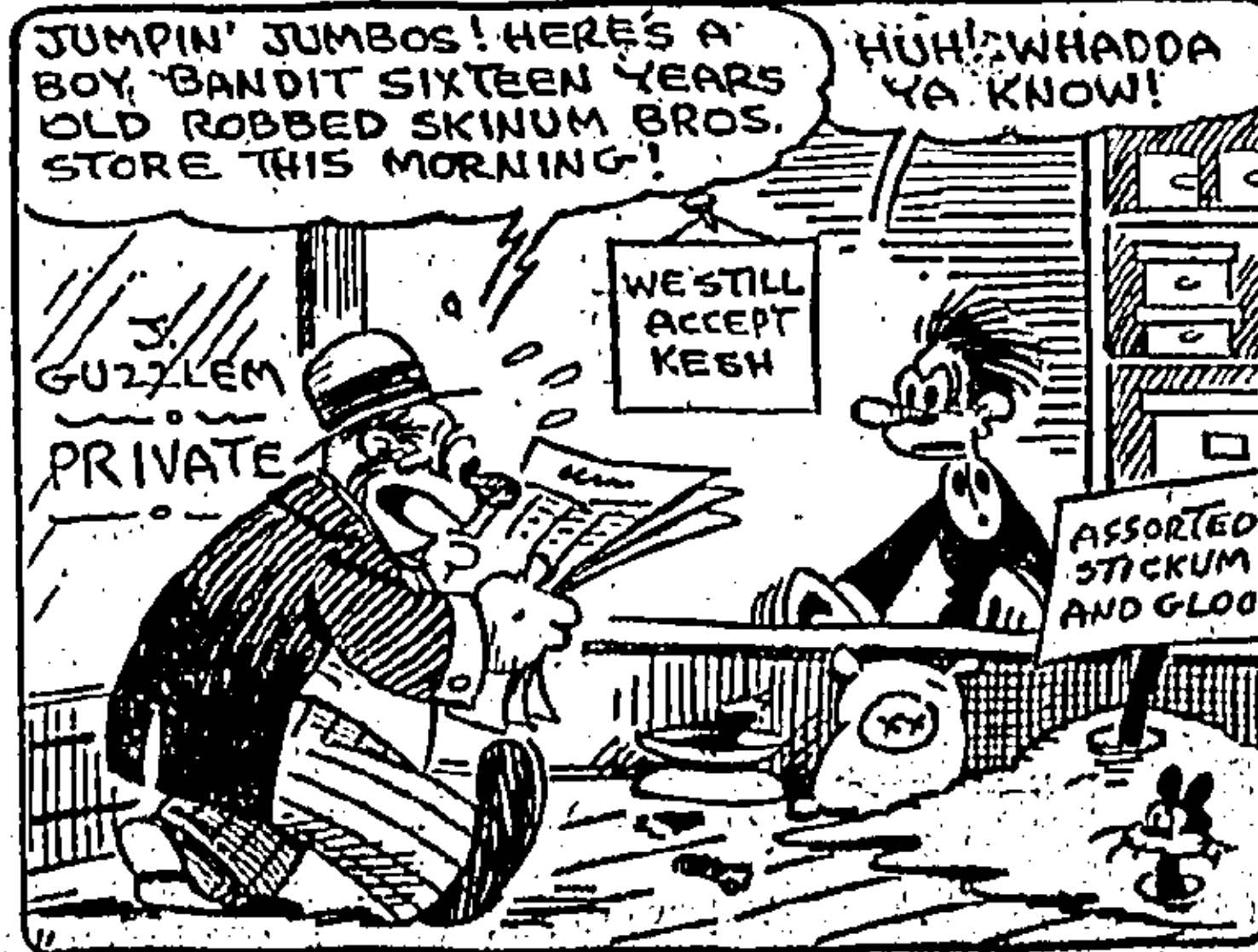
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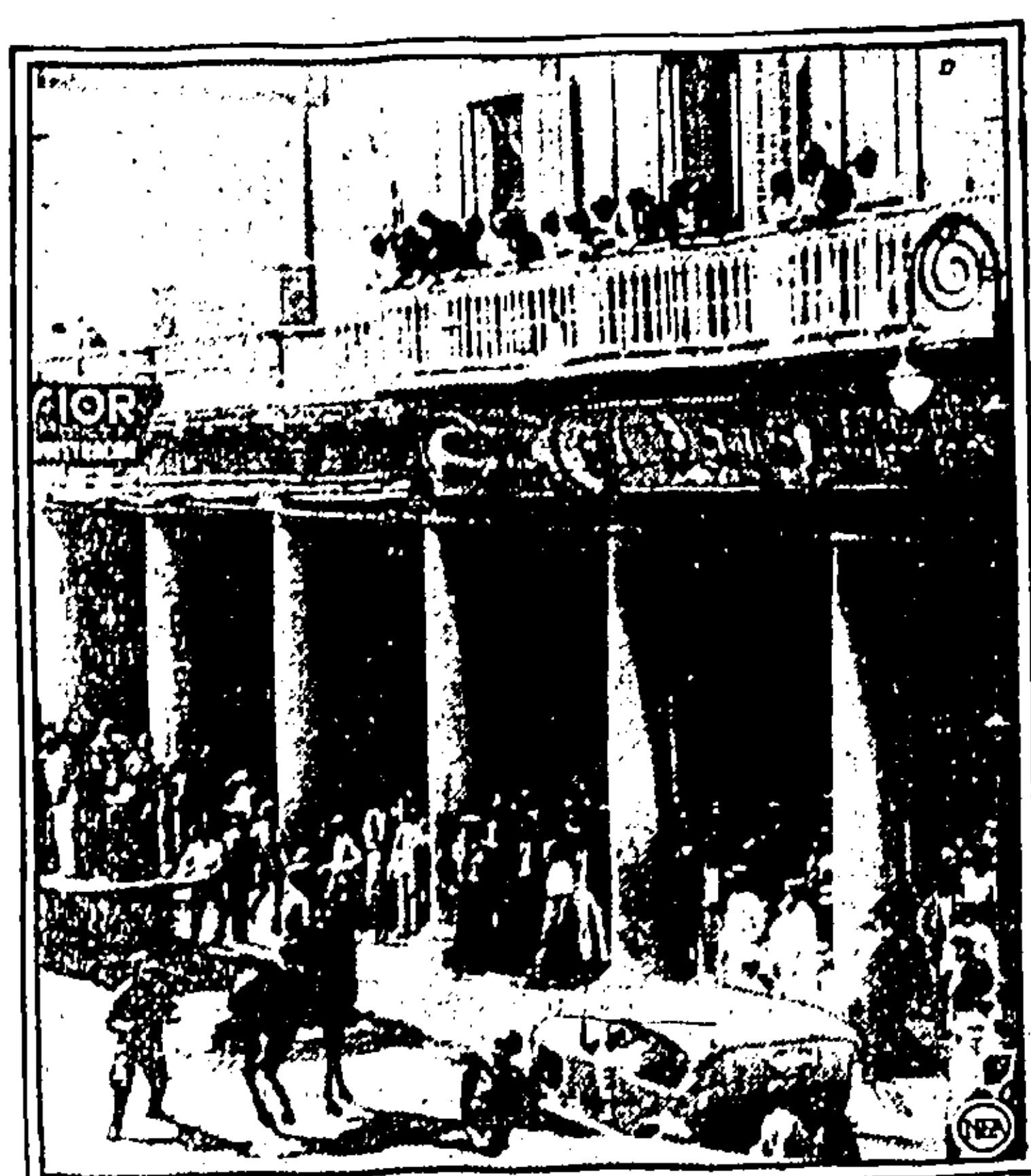




Ras Tafari, Haile Selassie I, Lord-King of Kings of Ethiopia, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Elect of God and Emperor of Abyssinia is shown above (arrow) just before the coronation ceremony attended by the Duke of Gloucester.



The Duke of Gloucester is shown above at Addis Ababa, photographed with Ras Tafari, now Emperor of Abyssinia.



Police breaking up a demonstration in Havana where street lights and shop windows were smashed recently. Martial law has been declared.



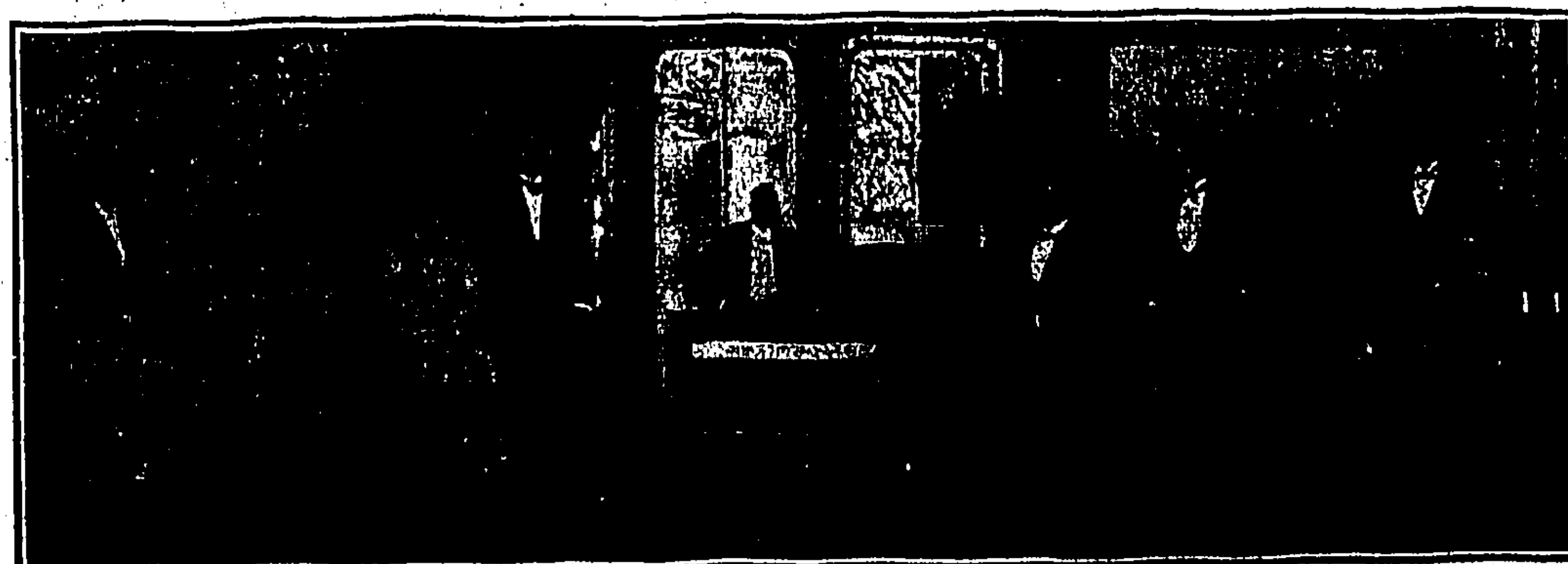
An idea of the barbaric splendour of the costumes worn at the coronation of Ras Tafari may be gained from the above picture. The king is in the centre carrying his glove and sceptre.



After three days of rioting in Havana recently, martial law was declared. Our picture shows Cuban infantrymen mobilised for duty.



One of thirteen claimants to fortune left by William E. Emery, James E. Nicholson, above, hopes to substantiate his claim by throwing his thumbs out of joint, an alleged family characteristic.



Our picture shows one of the scenes from "The Play's The Thing" a well-known play, which was performed in Shanghai at recently by the German Amateur Dramatic Club at the Embassy Theatre. The play was written by Frans Molnar and it attracted a large crowd, which it brought to roars of laughter and applause.



Col. Julian, U. S. negro, erstwhile Air Minister in Abyssinia, but who found the country too warm for him.

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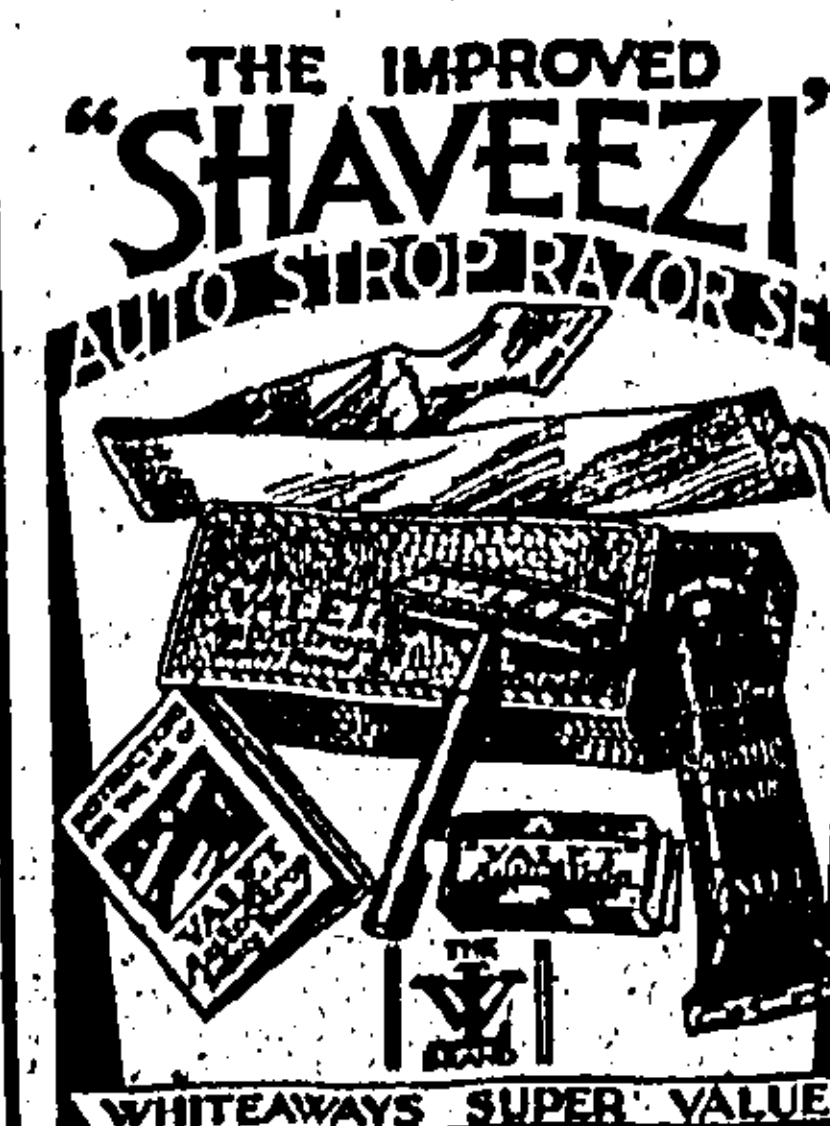
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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Inspector General of Police,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1931.

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1931.

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LADIES' GOLF EVENTS.

THE DRAWS FOR THE TOURNAMENTS.

Miss Stevenson qualified for the Captain's Cup in December with a score of 102-25-79.

Championship Event.

The draw for the draw for the Ladies' Championship: Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Sommerfeld, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Whyte Smith, Mrs. Newbigging, Miss Stevenson, and Mrs. Redmond receive byes in the first round. Mrs. Tottenham plays Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Kearny plays Mrs. Pearce.

The first round is to be played by January 23, the second by February 6, the third by February 20, the fourth by March 6 and the final on a day to be fixed later.

Captain's Cup.

The draw for the Captain's Cup is as follows: Mrs. Langston, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Dowell, and Mrs. Cassidy receive byes in the first round. Mrs. Ferguson plays Miss Mackie; Mrs. Dovey plays Miss Stevenson; Mrs. Tinson plays Mrs. Kearny and Mrs. Bonnar plays Mrs. Stewart.

The first round is to be played by January 20, the second by February 13, the third by February 27 and the final on March 13.

Ross Cup.

The draw for the Ross Cup is as follows: Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Stewart receive byes in the first round. Mrs. Robertson plays Mrs. Whyte; Mrs. Langston plays Miss Mackie; Mrs. Pearce plays Mrs. Newbigging; Mrs. Dowell plays Mrs. Redmond; Mrs. Bonnar plays Mrs. Stone; Mrs. Wild plays Mrs. Clark; Mrs. Sommerfeld plays Mrs. Gilmore; Mrs. Ferguson plays Mrs. Evans; and Mrs. Dovey plays Miss Stevenson.

The first round is to be played by January 20, the second by February 3, the third by February 17, the fourth by March 4 and the final on March 17.

Dr. S. W. Teo (Commissioner H. K. P. R.) Chinese Company should like to meet all the members of the Chinese Company at the Headquarters Club to-day, 5th instant, at 5.15 p.m. Every member of the Chinese Company is earnestly requested to be present.

WEEK-END YACHTING RESULTS.

SEVENTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE ON SATURDAY.

The seventh championship race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed on Saturday over a course of nearly nine miles from Channel Rocks to Lyceum Beacon. The full results were as follow:

"I" Class.

(Started at 2.25 p.m.)

Yacht	Time	Corrected
Diana (6)	4.18.54	4.11.45
Colleen (3)	4.17.08	4.08.14
Rolla (2)	4.12.38	4.07.27
La Linda (5)	4.16.37	4.11.41
Norena (1)	4.04.52	Scratch
Argyll II. (4)	4.19.45	4.09.23
Dorothea (7)	4.22.30	4.12.52

"J", "Y" & "G" Classes.

(Started at 2.30 p.m.)

Yacht	Time	Corrected
Daphne (9)	4.43.54	Scratch
Jessamine (8)	4.42.03	Scratch
Why Wonder? (5)	4.37.24	4.35.11
Wings (6)	4.42.29	4.40.16
Bluejacket (1)	4.29.09	4.26.56
Boojum (3)	4.32.42	4.30.29
Speedwell (2)	4.30.51	4.28.38
Adams (7)	4.49.45	4.47.32
Zephyr (4)	4.40.57	4.34.17
Loia (11)	5.25.07	5.16.13
Wendy (10)	4.57.42	4.49.33

NAVY BEAT ARMY.

Tables Turned in the

Afternoon Races.

The Royal Navy defeated the Army yesterday, in the annual sailing races held under the auspices of the R.H.K. Yacht Club. It was a most enjoyable event. The military team, despite being in a supposedly unaccustomed element, had a fair lead in the morning, but the naval men wiped out the deficit in the afternoon, and won by the narrow margin of 4 points.

The Army team were the guests of Commodore A. H. Walker and officers of the Navy team atiffin aboard H.M.S. Tamara.

Course of the day were Commodore Walker and Lt. Col. W. N. Stokes. Detailed results were as follow:

Morning Race.

Starting gun, 11 a.m. Course.—Start, club line west to east, Channel Rocks (P), Rumsey Shoal (P), Mark on club line (S); Finish, H.M.S. Tamara line east to west. Distance, 6.7 miles.

Yacht	Time	Points
Yacht, Sailed by		
Colleen, Major W. Bingham	4.11	11
La Linda, Lt. Col. R.M.W. Marden	2.13	13
Wings, Major P. Barry	10	10
Boojum, Lt. Col. W.N. Stokes	7	7
Adams, Capt. C.C. Fowler	8	8
Jessamine, Major J.C.P. Toth	9	9
Wendy, Captain R.A.A. Durling	14	14

Points for morning race.

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Yacht	Time	Points
Yacht, Sailed by		
Rolla, Major W.G.H. Miles, R.M.	1.15	15
Borethra, Lt. J. G. Hewitt	3	12
Why Wonder? Lieut. W. E. Banks	12	3
Bluejacket, Lt. Comdr. R.T. Young	13	2
Speedwell, Lt. Comdr. E.W.D. Sim	11	4
Zephyr, Lt. R.S. Wollay	10	6
Daphne, Lieut. H.H. Peters	6	9

Points for morning race.

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Afternoon Race.

Starting gun, 2.50 p.m. Course.—Start, H.M.S. Tamara line west to east, Mark on club line (P), Rumsey Shoal (S), Channel Rocks (S); Finish, club line east to west. Distance, 6.7 miles.

Yacht	Time	Points
Yacht, Sailed by		
Rolla, Lt. J.C.M. Martin	1.15	15
Borethra, Major W.A.F. Kerrieh	3	12
Why Wonder? Major A.L. Davis	14	1
Bluejacket, Captain R.G. Lochner	13	2
Speedwell, Lieut. A.M. Anstruther	9	6
Zephyr, Capt. J.A. Vician	12	3
Daphne, Lt. J.K. MacFarlan	6	9

Points for afternoon race.

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Yacht	Time	Points
Yacht, Sailed by		
Colleen, Lt. R.C.M. Duckworth	4	11
La Linda, Capt. W.P. M. Wardlaw	2	13
Wings, Lt. R.C. Hanson	5	10
Boojum, Commodore A.H. Walker	6	10
Adams, Lt. Comdr. J.D.F. Dowse	11	4
Jessamine, Major J.C.P. Toth	7	9
Wendy, Pay-Comdr. D. S. Lambert	10	6

Points for afternoon race.

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Points for afternoon race.

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CAPE TO CAIRO ROUTE.

INAUGURAL FLIGHT OVER FIRST SECTION.

London, Jan. 3.
The Imperial Airways announce that 2,670 miles of the North Africa section of the London to Capetown air route will be opened on Thursday, March 5, with an inaugural flight from Cairo to Mwanza, Tanganyika Territory. The flight through from London to Mwanza covers a distance of 5,100 miles and will take nine days, against 24 days by surface transport.

The North Africa section between Cairo and Khartoum will be operated by machines of the Armstrong Siddeley Argosy type, and Short "Calcutta" flying boats will carry on the route to Kishumu and Mwanza along the Nile and African lakes.

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Straits	Van Heutsz	January 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	January 6.
Saigon	Andre Lebon	January 6.
Batavia	Tjikarang	January 7.
Straits	Yasukuni Maru	January 8.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and when mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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Swatow	Hydrangen	Mon, Jan. 5, 3 p.m.
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For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Cleveland	Mon, Jan. 5, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Ninghai	Mon, Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Sun Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Mon, Jan. 5, 4 p.m.
Manila and Sourabaya	Tijsondari	Tues, Jan. 6, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sul Sang	Tues, Jan. 6, noon.

For	Per	Date and Time
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin	Tues, Jan. 6, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fouchow	Haiching	Tues, Jan. 6, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sphinx	Tues, Jan. 6, 1.45 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Achilles	Tues, Jan. 6, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Andre Lebon	Tues, Jan. 6, 2 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek Tuen	Jan. 6, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Madison Tuen	Jan. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih	Tues, Jan. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutsz	Tues, Jan. 6, 5 p.m.

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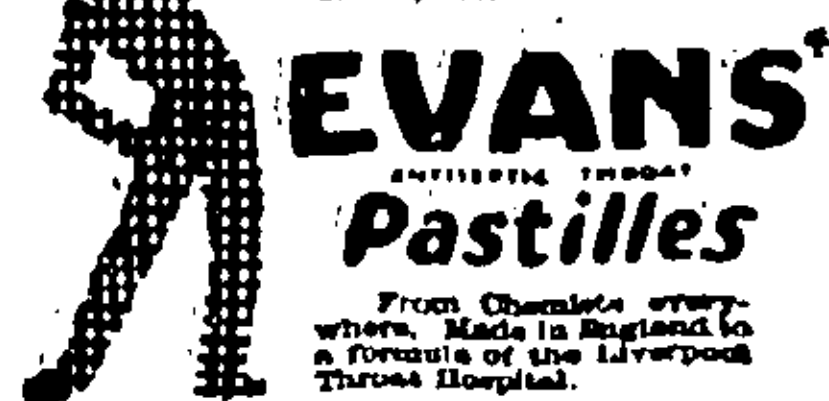
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CINEMA NOTES.

"UNHOLY THREE" CHANEY'S
ONLY TALKIE.

A voice that the world has been waiting over a year to hear speaks from the screen at the Queen's Theatre where Lon Chaney will appear in his first and only talkie, "The Unholy Three."

Choice of his famous silent success for his debut as a vocal screen star was happy, for it enables Chaney to use five different voice disguises. In fact, it is as difficult for his fans to guess what his voice really sounds like as it is to guess what the make-up master's face is really like, when not disguised.

The new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer mystery thriller deals with the story of a ventriloquist, giant and midwife in a circus, who band together in one of the strangest plots ever seen on film or stage.

Chaney's voice is probably baritone—at least two of his voice disguises were in the bass and baritone class. His impersonation of the old woman, with the reedy feminine voice of old age, was startling in its naturalness. One could hardly believe that the ventriloquist, creature was a man. The ventriloquist act, with Chaney carrying on a conversation with himself via the dummy, was perfectly done.

Aside from the interest in Chaney's voice, "The Unholy Three" is a magnificent piece of entertainment, moving at a lightning pace, and with never a slack moment or lull in the gripping air of mystery.

Lila Lee, as the heroine, plays a "hardboiled" role until the final love sequences, and runs the entire gamut of human emotions in a splendid performance, and Elliot Nugent, as the clerk, Hector, gives a finely-balanced impersonation.

"Sarah and Son."

The voice which an English dramatic critic acclaimed as the "most perfect ever projected from a London talking screen" will be heard at the Central Theatre to-day when the Paramount romance-drama, "Sarah and Son" is shown there. Gilbert Emery made a noble talking debut in "Behind That Curtain," and now he is appearing in one of the main supporting roles in "Sarah and Son."

Emery is cast as John Ashmore, the wealthy man who, with his childless wife, adopted the infant child of Sarah Storm (played by Ruth Chatterton) after Sarah's malicious husband steals the baby away from her. The plot concerns Sarah's struggle upward from poverty and obscurity. Fired by the ambition to regain her social position, she achieves personal success. How she retrieves her son from the intriguing foster-parents provides the stirring climax of the picture.

Freddie March supports Miss Chatterton in the leading male romantic role. Others in the cast are Fuller Mellich, Jr., Doris Lloyd, William Stock and Philippe de Lacy.

"Follies of 1930."

The "full house" sign was much in evidence at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, when the New Movietone Follies of 1930 provided the main attraction. The film is a revue linked up to a romantic story, and chief interest centers in the various turns by well-known stars. El Brendel leads the notable cast and is always in the picture, causing great amusement by his whimsical antics. He gets fine support from Marjorie White, the versatile little blonde, who can always be depended upon to keep the fun going. Noel Francis, Miriam Seeger and William Collier, Jr., also materialize help in putting over this bright and cheery show. There is plenty of humour, good solo and chorus work, and any number of effective dance ensembles. It is a bright and breezy show, which can be well recommended.

WEIHAIWEI TO-DAY.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS
TORN DOWN.

Peking, Jan. 3.

The Chinese in Wei-hai-wei, since the taking over of the territory from Britain, have been pulling down many tablets and monuments erected under the British regime. Some were put up by Chinese to ex-Governors, and others were erected to the officers and men of various regiments who died there.—Reuter.

WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

For the House and Out of Doors.



The dainty blouse of white silk or satin, adorned with cascading frills or delicate hand-embroidery, is worn with a black satin skirt to form a pretty "uniform" for afternoons at home. A very smart ensemble for wear out of doors is developed in red and grey French featherweight tweed; this comprises flared skirt, cut-away waistcoat, and caped coat, and is worn with a red crepe blouse and a red felt hat.

WEDDING VEILS.

Coloured Ones, the Latest.

Colour for the bride! And not the hint of colour, which went hand-in-hand with the old song, "Something borrowed, something blue." That blue was hidden under layers of snowy petticoats and ruffles. More often than not, it was no more than a bow of blue ribbon on a garter or on lingerie.

No, indeed, to-day's bride, with a yearning for colour, steps to the altar in a coloured wedding dress instead of traditional white. Here is another place where originality and personal preference are taking the place of age-old custom.

The new bride can have her wedding dress and veil of pink, blue, or green. A pink bride, who was recently married at the Madeleine Church, was a most sophisticated little person.

Dignity marked her costume of shell-pink satin, cut on Princess lines, with a train shaped like a calla lily.

The skirt of this gown was trimmed with garlands of white roses. The veil of rose-pink tulle was draped about the head, and held together by a few roses, giving a charming effect.

Coloured Slippers.

The vogue for wearing coloured slippers with black or white dresses is very marked. Generally, the shoes are matched exactly to the colour of the jewellery worn, turquoise, ruby, emerald, and sapphire being the most popular hues chosen.

Very Charming.



The charm of silk net is demonstrated in this exquisite little dance dress, which has a cross-over fitting bodice finished with a frilled sash, and a full skirt deeply gauged at the top to suggest a fitting hip-yoke.

YOUR CHILDREN.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

The 6-year-old is a complex being with diverse interests, extensive knowledge and with a hundred fully developed emotions and impulses.

Moreover he stands out now as an individual separated from other 6-year-olds by his own personality and behaviour.

All children diverge from the centre of a circle. The baby is the centre. During babyhood there is a certain similarity of evolution. Children develop along generally parallel lines. But difference in environment and training, their own innate characteristics—call it heredity—emotional high points, bring out each child in clear relief from his neighbours.

He now is a person of independent thought and behaviour, a little bark launching itself on the big ocean of life, but sea-worthy at that.

That he needs steering must more than ever be emphasized, that he needs every kind of intelligent help he can get without saying, but let him sail under his own sail as himself. Don't tie him to the big ship and tow him.

Reservations to Independence.

Independence is the keynote of character, but it must be independence that recognizes authority and knows the meaning of quietness and cheerful obedience. Also it must be the independence that recognizes the rights of others, and an obligation to others.

In other words, the child must now be seriously treated as a

member of society, and taught that society expects him to play his part.

School is not only a medium for gaining knowledge and developing his mental fibre; it is the greatest factor in his social development at this time.

He learns to live and let live. His school-mates represent the world of people. He will be tolerated, and must learn to disregard offence.

He is not first in his class. Very well, he is learning that work brings reward and that the race brings forth unguessed depths of ability and smartness. He learns to take disappointment, or should, without too much complaint.

To be a good fellow; to be unselfish, pleasant, kind and mainly gains him friends.

He learns to conform to life in general and care should be taken at this time to emphasize the advantages of his contacts with other children and discourage any less fortunate traits that may crop up.

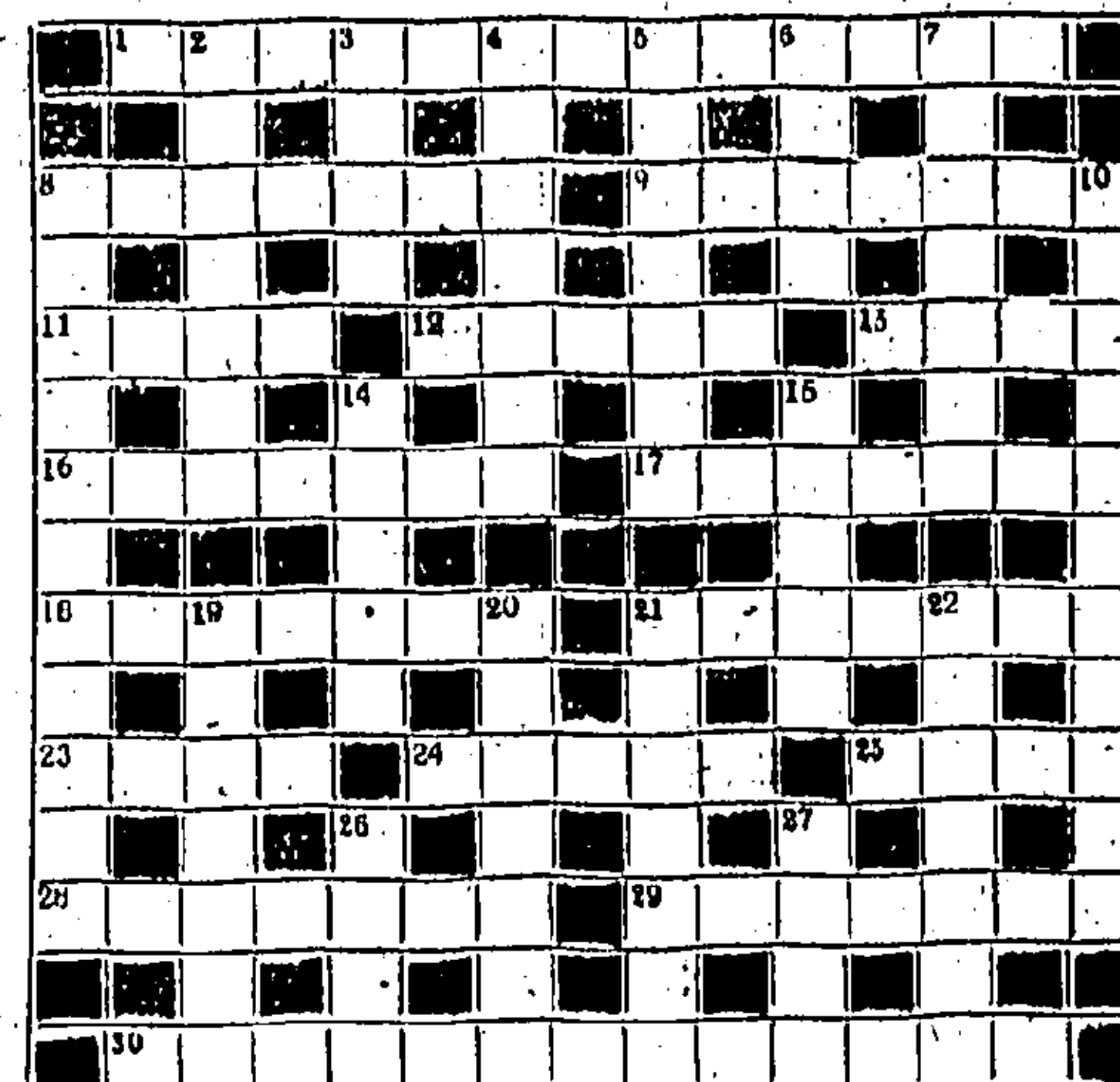
Teach him to like people. Teach him to believe them and to bear with them. And tell him that no matter what others do he always must be fine himself.

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Across

- 1 "O, I lift cargo in" (anag.).
- 8 There are signs of amusement here.
- 9 St. Peter, for example.
- 11 It is most unlikely that there will be anyone around (hidden).
- 12 What is the speedy part of a nail?
- 13 It is idyllic past this.
- 16 Give sanction to.
- 17 Begins with a quantity and rhymes with ocean.
- 18 There is something bad in both that makes little notes.
- 21 This pointed saying consists, principally, of a couple of domestic animals.
- 23 Ages.
- 24 These may support fish.
- 25 "Careless their merits, or their faults to —, His pity gave ere charity began." — Goldsmith, "The Deserted Village."
- 28 There is splendid fishing in its vicinity, all decide.
- 29 Tell us with an exalted heart.
- 30 "Lion lay in tent" (anag.).

Down

- 2 "For a — in love, and a dastard in war, Was to wed the fair Ellen of brave Lohinvar." — Scott.
- 3 A carpenter's doesn't work both ways, any way.
- 4 In this word the letter 'F' resembles Fate.
- 5 One must take a chance in this part of the church.
- 6 The god of Thornton Heath.

- 7 A province of Canada.
- 8 Hot stuff at the Fair.
- 10 "I lent ten MSS." (anag.).
- 14 After a hundred a peer comes back—on his hands and knees, perchance.
- 15 Move with short, light steps at the end of this narrow place.
- 19 The topmost room in a light-house.
- 20 If thinking of reprisal, I entreat you to remember that the chief is sure to win (hidden).
- 21 An Admiralty order.
- 22 This may be a pleasant relation, or not.
- 26 What tree may suffer grief?
- 27 The insect which Swift immortalised, ad infinitum.

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RACKETEERING IN U.S.

GRAND JURIES FOR
NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 24.

A sufficient number of people have now testified how they have been victimised by racketeers to warrant the convening of special grand juries, according to the New York District Attorney, Mr. Thomas Crain. He states that three regular grand juries will be assigned to hear such cases in November, and that four will be summoned for that purpose alone during December.

The Citizens' Committee which Mr. Crain organised last week will meet again to-morrow to hear the first-hand experiences of some racketeering victims and to try to convince them to tell their stories to the grand jury. It will be the chief object of the committee to convince the victims that public sentiment is behind the campaign to end racketeering and to overcome their fear of reprisals if they speak.

Since the campaign opened Mr. Crain has been receiving many complaints daily, a number of them anonymous. He learned, for instance, that the racketeers collect eight cents a hundredweight on all perishable freight loaded into vans at the railway terminal.

A letter signed "One who has had to pay" stated: "The receiver of the freight can send his own men to load the vans, but eight cents a hundredweight will be collected just the same. If the money is not paid someone, will go to

REUTER IN BRIEF.

Five European Wesleyan missionaries, three of whom were women, were motoring near Opo, East Nigeria, when they were attacked by natives. One lady was injured by a stone and was removed to the hospital at Port Harcourt.

It is reported that natives have fired arrows at motor cars travelling in the Opo area, which was the scene of rioting in December, 1929.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Red Cross Empire Conference in London yesterday, an Empire Committee has been formed to promote an annual Red Cross Day throughout the Empire on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, and generally to assist the Society.

The South African Labour Party Conference, after a discussion lasting eleven hours, has decided to terminate the pact with the Nationalist Party within a year.

hospital or the morgue." This complainant also said he had seen thirty dollars collected for one van which had not taken more than forty minutes to load.

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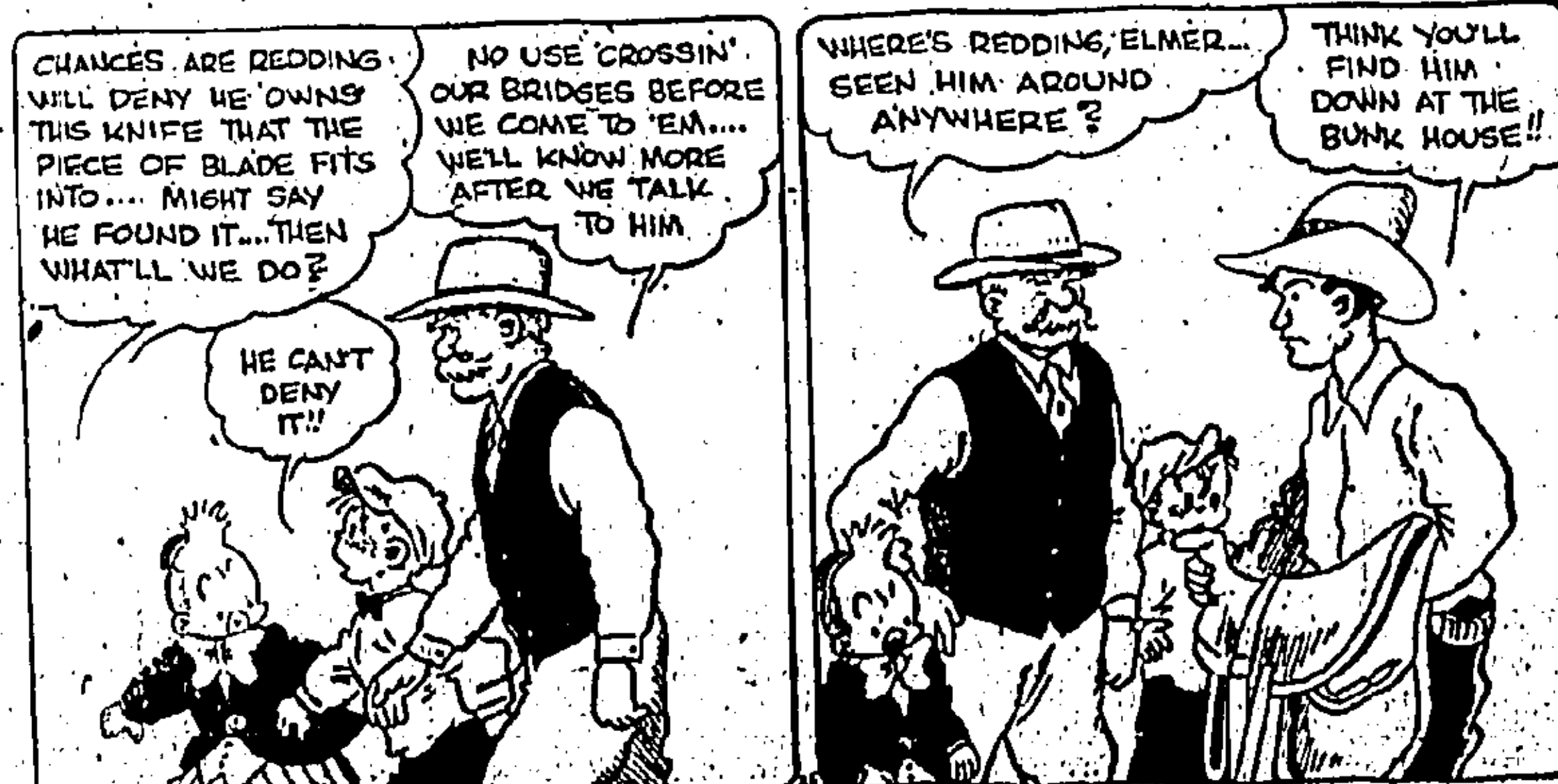
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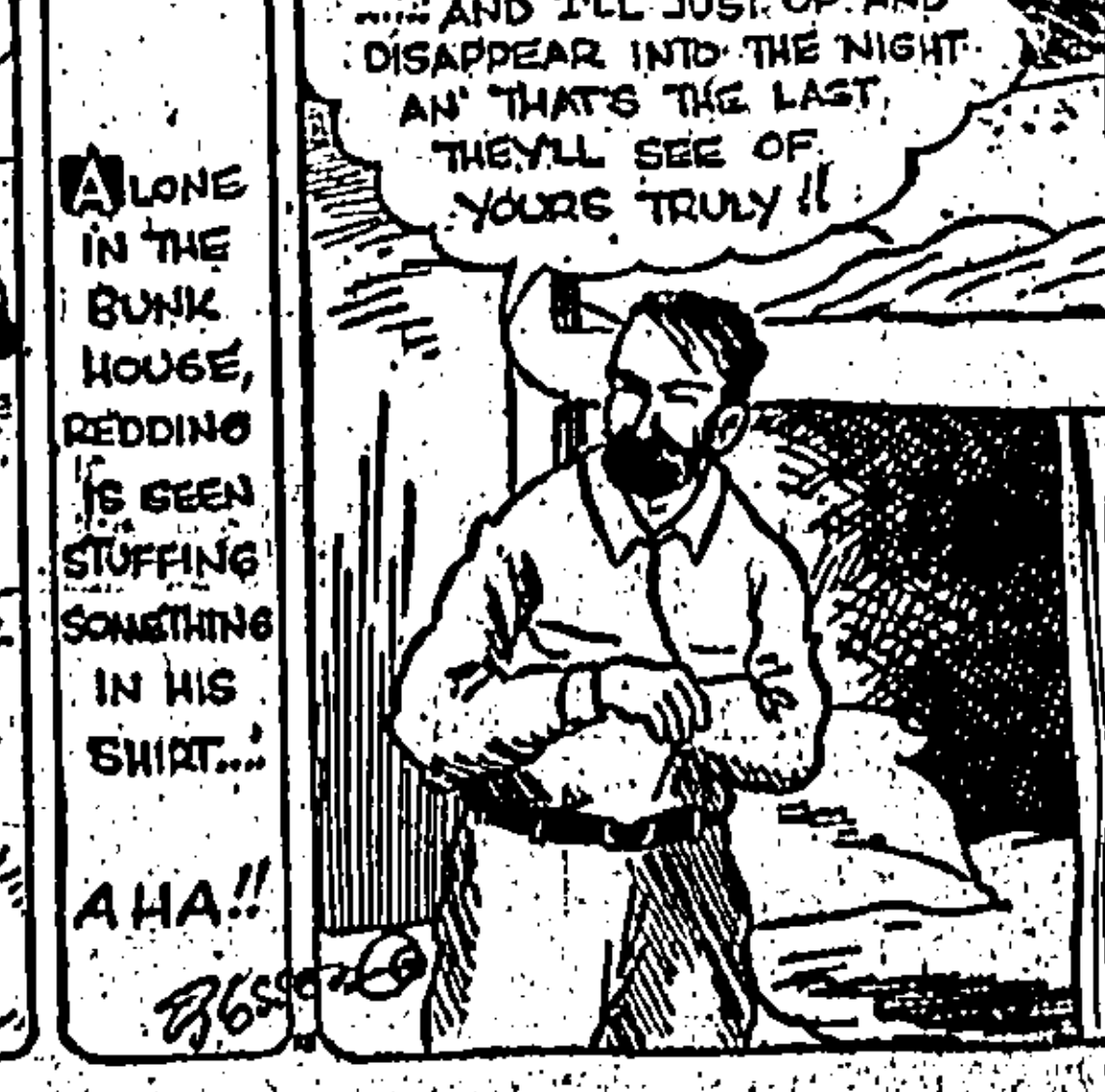
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The relatives of the late Filomena
Fonseca da Silva, who died
on 29th December last, wish
to tender their grateful
thanks to all their friends
for the many floral tributes
and letters of condolence re-
ceived, and for the sympathy
extended to them in their
heavy bereavement.

MARRIAGE.

SOMERHAUGH - BAKER. — At
the Supreme Court, Hongkong
on December 31st, 1930, Fly-
ing Officer A. G. Somerhaugh,
R.A.F., only son of A. L.
Somerhaugh, Esq., London, to
Beatrice Miriam, only daughter
of Robert Baker, Esq., of
Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, JAN. 5, 1931.

THE TENSION IN EUROPE.

In expressing the view that
Europe is drifting swiftly to the
most perilous situation since the
Great War, the *Daily Herald* is
doubtless sounding a warning note
rather than seeking to raise al-
armist fears. A sense of its re-
sponsibility as the organ of the
Government would naturally deter
it from scare-mongering. It has
been said that the surest way to
create a war is to talk of one, and
whilst there may be a substratum
of truth in this saying, it is im-
portant that timely notice should be
taken of developments which in any
way tend in this direction. At the
same time, it is regrettable that
the New Year should open with
any clouds on the horizon, the more
so since so much effort has been
expended during 1930 on measures
for the prevention of armed con-
flict.

The immediate cause of the
Daily Herald's comment is to be
found in the New Year utterances
of the German Defence Minister
and of Signor Mussolini. Dr.
Groener, in referring to what he
describes as the intolerable burden
imposed in Germany by the Young
reparations plan, merely reiterates
what he and other German leaders
have often said. It is the Italian
Premier who has added fuel to the
fire by asserting that he is pre-
pared to support Germany on the
armaments question and in de-
manding a revision of the Peace
Treaties. Signor Mussolini has
again and again indulged in bel-
ligerent utterances within the past few
months, seldom losing an opportu-
nity to do a little sabre-rattling. He

has glibly talked of other nations
preparing for war and of
the necessity of Italy being pre-
pared to meet danger from
without. This idea seems to be
an obsession with him. To the
outside observer, he appears
to be itching for war, and the
spirit which he reflects is apparent
also in the Fascist movement in
Italy and elsewhere. The failure
of Italy and France to come to an
agreement on naval disarmament
has but served to increase Euro-
pean tension, in which connexion
the French attitude towards Ger-
many has not been altogether help-
ful. In the circumstances, there-
fore, it is, perhaps, hardly sur-
prising that attention should be
drawn to the danger of antagonism
developing on the Continent in a
manner sufficient to cause some
concern. It is true, as Field Mar-
shal Sir William Robertson said
the other day, that war as a means
of settling international disputes is
now more universally condemned
than ever before, but we should be
shutting our eyes to the facts if we
did not concede that there is in
some quarters a lack of sincerity
in the lip-service which is paid to
pacifism. When we bear in mind
that practically all the nations of
the world have sworn to outlaw
war, the hesitancy to embark on
general disarmament would appear
to need some explaining. Sir Wil-
liam Robertson was again perfectly
true when he asserted that the
maintenance of great and costly
armaments is not the first essential
measure required to prevent war
and added that less jealousy and
less selfishness in the conduct of
international affairs is far more
important. Not until that spirit is
adequately forthcoming will dis-
armament follow and the nations of
the world at last be on the road to
peace and goodwill.

Unhappily, whilst there are in all
nations leaders of public thought
who realise the utter futility of
war, and who never lose an oppor-
tunity of preaching the gospel of
peace, there are others who exploit
every possible occasion to put for-
ward the view that man is a fighter
and wars are inevitable. If this
latter view is allowed to dominate
mankind, it will be a sad reflection
on civilisation. Memories must in-
deed be short if we are so soon to
forget the horrors of the Great War
and its failure to settle anything
whatsoever. The need of the times
is an intensive cultivation of higher
and better ideals than those repre-
sented by senseless slaughter. Let
us hope that peace-loving instincts
will prevail and that, so far from
tending in the other direction, the
year we have now entered upon will
be marked by a great and lasting
urge toward the pacific settlement
of all problems as they present
themselves.

PRETTY WEDDING.

MR. L. WEILL AND MISS
V. M. JEFFORD.

Dressed in a lovely mediaeval
gown of ivory chiffon velvet, close
fitting in design, Miss Veronica
Marjorie Jefford looked a charm-
ing bride on the occasion of her
marriage to Mr. Leo Weill, which
took place in the Ohel Leah
Synagogue on Sunday. The cere-
mony was performed by Rabbi
Rahamin Lazare, in the presence
of a large congregation.

The bride is the only child of
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jefford, of 17,
Prince Edward Road, Kowloon,
and for the occasion was attended
by a small girl and boy as train-
bearers, with Mr. Harry Joseph as
"best man".

With her gown, Miss Jefford
wore a very long square train,
hung from the shoulders, of ivory
satin lined with *cane de sile* and
bordered with small rhinestones.
This was held out by her atten-
dants by means of long ribbons of
orange blossom attached to the
lower corners. In addition she
wore a lace cap, with a coronet of
orange blossom, from which fell
a long tulle veil, bordered with the
same lace. Her bouquet was a
sheaf of white orchids.

Fay Carlo, one of her attendants,
wore a frock of green tulle trim-
med with silver lace and a lace
cap, while David Odell had a white
satin blouse with green velvet
knickers and cap. Fay also car-
ried a posy of yellow African
daisies.

The bride's mother was attired in
a gown of silver grey chintilly
lace and georgette and carried
Parma violets, and the bride-
groom's mother was in pale beige
georgette, trimmed with ribbed
fur. Her bouquet consisted of
African daisies.

At the legal ceremony on Satur-
day, the bride was adorned in an
ensemble of green, consisting of
velvet skirt and short fur trimmed
coat and a satin blouse, worn with
close fitting hat.

A reception was held at the
Jewish Recreation Club, the bride
subsequently wearing a "going-
away" dress of satin trimmed with
fur, with hat to match. The
honeymoon is being spent at Fan-
ling.

The wedding gifts were both
numerous and handsome, the
bride's token to the groom being
a hand-painted miniature, and the
bridegroom's gift to the bride a
platinum and diamond bracelet.

DAY BY DAY

IT IS THE PREROGATIVE OF GOOD
WOMEN TO DISLIKE OTHER GOOD
WOMEN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR
SONS WOULD MARRY THEM.—*Max
Pemberton.*

All persons with firearms are re-
minded in an advertisement that
they must obtain new or renew their
existing licences forthwith.

The Empress of Japan is due
here on Friday morning and will
leave the following evening for
Manila.

The body of an unknown Chinese,
aged about 60, was found hanging
from a beam of a house at No. 141,
Second Street, West Point, yester-
day.

The Empress of Asia is due here
from Vancouver on the 24th inst.
She will dry-dock for annual over-
haul and sail again on February
18th.

The annual exhibition of the
Hongkong University Amateur
Photographic Club is being held
in the Union Assembly Room to-
day to the 10th inst. Admission
is free.

Amongst the passengers who ar-
rived here from Manila by the
Empress of Russia were Mr. L.
Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Frost,
Mr. H. C. Shrubole, and Mr. J. D.
Humphreys.

Plending guilty to a charge of
having stolen a bottle of whisky
from the s.s. Comorin, a Chinese
was sentenced to a month's im-
prisonment by Mr. Butters, at Kow-
loon this morning.

A reward of Ten Dollars is offered
by the authorities to any person
furnishing information to the Po-
lice leading to the conviction of a
person in possession of unlicensed
wireless apparatus capable of being
used for reception or transmission
of wireless signals.

The *Yellow Dragon*, Queen's
College magazine, records sincere
appreciation of the further gift of
\$2,000 which Lau Shul-chuen has
just made to endow another
scholarship. This is the fourth of
a series of eight scholarships for
Pun U district scholars which Mr.
Lau has undertaken to endow.

Detective Sergeant Goodwin
made an application before Mr.
Butters, at Kowloon this morning,
for one week's formal remand in
the case in which Fong Fung and
others not in custody were charg-
ed with having on March 27, 1929,
entered the second floor of No. 60,
Lai Chi Kok Road, armed with two
pistols and two daggers and hav-
ing assaulted a Chinese doctor,
Wong Sik-chuen, with intent to
rob. The application was grant-
ed.

Appearing on remand on a
charge of being in possession of
566 morphia pills, a Chinese mem-
ber of the crew of the s.s. Tai Lee
was fined \$500 by Mr. Lindsell at
the Central Police Court this morn-
ing, the alternative being three
months' hard labour. In another
case, a Chinese, who was arrested
in Wing Shing Street with about
500 pills in his possession, was re-
manded by his Worship until to-
morrow for the production of the
analyst's certificate.

A Chinese was charged, before
Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon
Magistrate's Court this morning, with
the theft of a steel vice and a wrench,
the property of the Telephone Com-
pany, from 26, Cumberland Road.
A Chinese foreman, after putting
up a telephone wire in the house,
had thrown the tools into the gar-
den with the intention of picking
them up later, but the defendant
took them away. The vice was
valued at \$50. A month's im-
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MONTAGUE SMITH addresses a letter to OUR BULLIED M.P.s.

SIR or Madam,
Throughout the country
there is a growing suspicion
that the House of Commons is
ceasing to be the Voice of the Peo-
ple, and is becoming instead a
sounding board for the Voices of
Ministers and bureaucrats—a very
different thing.

Since this must soon translate it-
self into the question: The M.P.,
at £400 a year, is he worth it? the
time has come when you should be
asking yourself some very serious
questions as to your responsibility
for this state of affairs.

It does, indeed, seem paradoxical
that the members of the House of
Commons, which came into exist-
ence to defend the liberties of the
subject, should themselves be among
the most browbeaten and bullied of
men.

I will not refer at length to the
prohibitions that are placed upon
your personal enjoyment of what is
still the best club in the world—to
the fact, for instance, that while
you are permitted to play chess or
draughts, there is a stern prohibi-
tion against a billiards table or a
rubber of bridge within its walls.

What concerns the electors—and
that very deeply—is the prohibitions
that the Whips seek to place upon
your right to a free expression of
opinion as our representative.

To the Whip, whose party is his
first consideration, the ideal private
member is a political Robot. To be
in your place to "Make a House,"
to be seen but not heard (save in
saying "Hear, hear" or "Never,
never," as occasion demands), to be
counted in the right division lobby
as ordered—these are the actions
to which the Whips would confine
you, and if they could replace the
individual by a machine they would.

But such suppression of individ-
uality is neither to your advantage
nor to ours. A system which sets
the stage and the limelight perpetu-
ally for two score Front Bench
speakers and keeps you silent is
merely a method of preserving the
vested interests of the old gang.

The best hours of the day for de-
bate, the best for publicity—4 p.m.
to 7 p.m. and the closing hour from
10 p.m. to 11 p.m.—are occupied by
too long speeches from Ministers
and Opposition leaders. You, if
you insist, are given time to speak
while Ministers are at dinner, when,
depressed by a lack of an audience,
you make speeches to be reported in
your constituency by your local
newspaper. Better far, if this be
your sole object, that they should
be merely handed in at the table
and to the Press Gallery and taken
as read.

Your control over national ex-
penditure has long become nil. Once
in the last ten years a very daring
House by a division did actually
refuse to sanction an estimate in-
volving a few hundred pounds only
of public money. What was the re-
sult? The Minister responsible
calmly announced that the money
had already been spent without

your authority. A few days later
the Government brought the vote in
again, their Whips threatened dire
pains, and penalties, and it was
passed. So ended that rebellion.

You can regain control by exert-
ing and asserting yourself. One
way is by a reform of parliament-
ary procedure to secure the appoint-
ment of a committee of M.P.s to
whom all departmental estimates
shall be submitted before they are
passed by the Treasury and before
any money is spent.

Upon the last of your theoretical
liberties—the right to introduce
private motions and Bills—every
Government makes encroachments
without adequate protest. Every
Ministry, pleading pressure of offi-
cial business, seeks to shorten your
time. Still, there are a few hours
left in each session for you, and
what use do you make of them?

The right of any private mem-
ber to occupy the House by a pri-
vate Bill or motion is determined
by ballot. The Clerk takes a num-
ber out of a box and the Speaker
calls the name of the member with
whom it is identified. Then is the
time for independence of action,
for bringing forward some subject
with which the country is really con-
cerned.

What actually happens, save in
very rare cases, is that the Party
Whips hurry round and in the
hands of the lucky member place a
resolution chosen by themselves. So
when his name is called and his
subject demanded Mr. A. rises and
says: "To call attention to the
evils of Socialism, and to move a
resolution"; and Mr. B. says: "To
call attention to the reactionary po-
licy of the Conservatives, and to
move a resolution."

Thus do the Whips seek to put
chains upon you even when you are
supposed to be free.

Nor does the supply of privileged
private Bills reflect either your
abilities or your opportunities.
Some of them are merely Govern-
ment measures which you have been
persuaded to adopt. Others are
... well, hardly what the country
expects from you.

The satirist may if he likes
make fun out of the fact that the
first private member's Bill intro-
duced this session was one dealing
with damage by rabbits, but the
wise man will draw the moral that
a certain amount of annoyance can
be caused to the powers that be by
the most timid of God's creatures.

At this moment the stirrings of
uneasiness in the country at the
creeping paralysis of Parliament
have prompted Ministers to vague
talk of appointing a committee to
consider the procedure of the House
of Commons. This is your oppor-
tunity, but it may also be your de-
struction.

You or the Whips will be the re-
formers. If the latter, then it will
soon become a common thing for a
Prime Minister to say, as Mr. Mac-
donald did recently of certain de-
cisions for dealing with the unem-
ployment problem: "Those are no
concern of the House of Commons."
MONTAGUE SMITH.

The speaker at the Rotary meet-
ing at Lane, Crawford's Restau-
rant to-morrow will be Mr. Bas-
com Johnson, Chairman of the
League of Nations Commission of
Enquiry into the Traffic in Women
and Children in the East.

The competition for the month of
December, at Lane, Crawford's
miniature golf course, was won by
Mr. F. Zimmermann, who, after tieing
with Mr. A. A. Rumjahn with a
score of 31, scored 46 against his
opponent's 47 in the play-off.



Romania

MARSHAL JOFFRE.

KING'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

"GRAND-PERE" OF FRENCH ARMY.

MIRACLE OF MARNE.

London, Jan. 4.

The King has sent a message of sympathy to the President of the French Republic on the death of Marshal Joffre, in the course of which he says: "We shall mourn him who was called to the supreme command of the great French army, with which for four long years the forces of the British Empire were comrades in arms."

"I treasure the memory of my meetings with the Marshal on my several visits to the Front."

Madame Joffre was present at the death-bed, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law. The Marshal passed away at 8.23 a.m. on Saturday, eight minutes after his principal medical adviser had declared that he would probably live through the day.

A State Funeral has been fixed for Wednesday.

Early in War.

Joseph Jacques Cesaire Joffre, Marshal of France (a title which had been in abeyance since 1871 and was revived in his special honour in 1916) was born in the village of Rivesaltes, of the Pyrenees-Orientales, in 1852.

Educated at the Lycee of Perpignan, he entered the Ecole Polytechnique at Paris two years before the war with Prussia, when he was 16. He saw active service in command of a battery during the siege of Paris, went back to school at the end of the war, and then joined a regiment of engineers. He was promoted Captain in 1876, and remained in that rank for 14 years.

In 1885 he served in the Indo-Chinese campaign, and became Courbet's right-hand man, organising the defences of Formosa and Tongking. He was decorated and, in 1889, promoted Major. In 1892 he began the construction of the French military road from Senegal to the Niger.

Capture of Timbuctoo.

His name first came prominently before the public in 1894, when he occupied Timbuctoo, after a long campaign against the Touaregs. He was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel, and received the Legion of Honour. After serving as Secretary to the Commission on Inventions, he was sent to Madagascar, where he constructed the harbour and ports of Diego Suarez.

Returning to France he became Professor at Ecole de Guerre, was made Brigadier-General in command of the artillery (1901), and Governor of Lille and General of Division in 1905. In 1909 he was appointed Commander of the Second Army at Amiens and Inspector of Military Schools. In 1911 he was appointed Chief of the General Staff, an appointment implying supreme command in time of war.

"Grand-pere" of the Army.

Distinguished for his simplicity of character and life, alertness and clearness of mind, and organising power, he exhibited a combination of intuition and reflection, and took a wide outlook, without being obsessed by details. He was remarkable for his sound common-sense, and was known by his soldiers as "Grand-pere."

From the outbreak of the Great War until December, 1916 he was Commander-in-Chief of the French armies, holding this position through the black period of the war, which began with the terrible defeat of the French at Charleroi, and was followed by the long retreat to beyond the Marne.

"Miracle of the Marne."

While France and Europe seemed to be in the direst peril, he was the one man who remained cool and unfurled, and he quietly organised the "Miracle of the Marne." The full story of this early period of the war has yet to be given to the world, and widely different opinions prevail as to the precise reasons for the German retreat, but nothing can rob Joffre of his glory as the "Man of the Marne."

On his retirement in December, 1916, he was appointed the Chief Technical Adviser to the Allied Forces, and in April, 1917, he was sent to America with Viviani and others on a special mission.

British Honours.

He was a member of the French Academy, and published a few books dealing with his early experiences in the French Army, particularly in Timbuctoo and Madagascar. He was also responsible for some authoritative volumes on Mons and the Marne. He was a distinguished mathematician.

QUAKE AT CORINTH.

SOME DAMAGE DONE BUT NO FATALITIES.

Athens, Jan. 4.

An earthquake has destroyed a number of houses in Corinth. The inhabitants are in a panic, and are remaining in the open air.

No fatalities are so far reported.—*Reuter*.

PARIS TO SAIGON.

AIR MAIL LINE ON 12 DAYS SERVICE.

Paris, Jan. 3.

A Paris to Saigon air line was opened by the departure at 10.30 this morning of a three engined monoplane on a journey that is scheduled to take twelve days.—*Reuter*.

He was honoured by Britain with the G.C.B. in 1914 and the Order of Merit in 1919.

Charm of Manner.

Free from all vanity unassuming in his bearing, simple in his tastes, courteous, eager to praise and slow to blame, scrupulously fair and strictly just, eminently sincere and loyal, Marshal Joffre possessed a charm of manner which none could resist who approached him.

When, a month after war had been declared, on September 6, the Army Order was read to the French retreating troops in which General Joffre cried "Halt!" his voice rang through the whole of the Army and made of every man a hero. During the whole fortnight, day and night, the soldiers of France had been fighting desperately upon the losing side; the foe was fast marching upon Paris, and 1870 cast its red shadow upon many ruined villages; hope was ebbing fast in anxious hearts, and faith was tottering in doubtful souls; then above the thundering roar of the cannon came Joffre's bugle call "En Avant!" "Now," said he to his men, "now is the time and the opportunity to save France; let all advance who can; let all who cannot advance die where they stand!" Exhausted and half-dazed by fatigue, heat, and lack of food and sleep, the men halted, and then went forward. Joffre's name alone raised the spirits of the weary, march-worn soldiery, and his message sank deep in their hearts.

All for France.

The love which the French soldier bore Joffre and the blind confidence which he placed in the great chief were fully deserved and amply repaid. General Joffre, too, loved and trusted his men. Never since the day when he entered "Polytechnique" in 1868 did Joffre grudge anything to France. His time and work, his whole mind and heart, were devoted to her service and wrapped up in her; his life he many times risked and would willingly have laid down for her; honours he never sought and still less riches, but never did miser hold more lovingly, nor more jealously preserve, gold pieces in his clutches than General Joffre the lives of his men.

Great as was General Joffre by his deeds, he was still greater by what he forbore doing, and great as was his strength, his patience was greater still.

Scientific Warrior.

Order, method and persistence were the key-notes of his success. He was not the dashing soldier, either in appearance or in his plans of campaign. He disclaimed chance and was incredulous about sudden flashes of inspiration. He thought that war belonged to science and was to be scientifically conducted. His idea was to prepare everything, to leave nothing to chance. Every detail was studied, every point made clear.

His strategy was compounded of common sense, of the infinite precaution that comes from foreseeing everything, and that quality of racial courage and endurance which underlaid everything he did. He was southern in the sense that at the critical moment, the moment of supreme danger, his nature was quickened into that bold, decisive action which carried success with it as irresistibly as the mountain torrent sweeps a path for itself after the rains.

He has been likened, very happily, to Turanne. He had the same sobriety, the same cool, calm temper of mind, the same command over himself; of him it might be said, as of the "great Marshal," "He was accustomed to fight without anger, to conquer without ambition, to triumph without vanity."

The British Ambassador will represent the King at the funeral, Field Marshals Milne and Allenby, the British Army Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Wemyss, the Navy, and Air Marshals, Sir Hugh Trenchard, the Royal Air Force. There will be detachments of the Guards, with a band, also a detachment of the Air Force.

CAR AND RICKSHA COLLISION.

ACTION AGAINST PRISON OFFICER FAILS.

NO DAMAGE PROVED.

The action recently heard against Principal Printing Officer A. B. Didsbury, Victoria Gaoi, for \$500 damages, arising out of a collision between Mr. Didsbury's car and a ricksha, was decided in the Summary Court this morning, when Mr. Justice Jacks delivered a written judgment in favour of defendant. Plaintiff was Mr. B. Kawahara, proprietor and licensee of an eating house at No. 19, Peking Road, Kowloon, who was a passenger in the ricksha.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Junior, defended.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said:—The plaintiff claims that he has suffered damage from the defendant's negligence in driving his car, No. 2807, in such a manner as to collide with great force with public ricksha No. 489, in which the plaintiff was being driven in Queen's Road East on October 12, 1930, causing personal injuries to the plaintiff. The plaintiff was, in consequence, put to expenses in medical attendance and massage treatment, and was also prevented from following his occupation. The plaintiff was unable to state how the accident occurred and he did not call any evidence to prove negligence on the part of the defendant.

Onus of Proof.

After recounting the facts as given in evidence, his Lordship said:—In cases of this kind the onus of proving negligence is on the plaintiff, but he contended first, that on December 18 the defendant's solicitor paid a sum of \$12.60 into Court "being the amount admitted to be due to the plaintiff," and the admission that anything is due on a claim for negligence is an admission of the negligence in which the claim is founded. The defendant's solicitor stated that he had no intention of admitting negligence, but his client thought it was only fair that he should pay the plaintiff's doctor's bill.

The letter accompanying this "payment in" was unfortunate, for if there was no intention to admit negligence, the payment should have been made with a denial of liability. I did not believe the defendant intended to admit negligence, but I reserved my decision on the point, though under my general power to rectify errors, I could have allowed the defendant to amend his payment by adding a denial of liability. This has been done in Higher Courts in similar cases (Davis v. Scott, Lewis 1918, W. N. 166); this might have involved an adjournment. I decided to proceed with the hearing in order that I might see for myself whether the exclusion of the admission would in any way prejudice the plaintiff's case, but in view of the plaintiff's next contention I do not believe he had any intention of proving negligence on the part of the defendant, even if he could do so, for his second contention was that this case is governed by the maxim *res ipsa loquitur* and that it was for the defendant to rebut the allegation of negligence, not for the plaintiff to prove it. He cited the case of Byrne v. Bondie in support of this contention, but that case does not apply here, for in that case the plaintiff, whilst exercising his public right to use the highway, was injured by a defendant in the exercise of a private right.

The Law of the Road.

The maxim *res ipsa loquitur* does not apply to an accident on a highway. Those who go on a highway, or have their property adjacent to and sustain personal hurt, there, or damage to their property lying beside it, can only show a right to recover by affirmative evidence of fault in the person doing the damage. The fact of an accident raises no presumption. A man crossing the road is knocked down by a cart. Merely to prove this shows no cause of action. The plaintiff must go further and specify some breach of duty on the part of the defendant—the car was driven too fast, was on the wrong side of the road, or swerved, or was not properly constructed, or was overloaded, hence the duty of foot passengers attempting to cross the road to look out for passing vehicles as it is the duty of drivers to see that they do not run over foot passengers. The pullers of rickshas have duties whilst using the highway as well as the drivers of motor cars. There must be evidence from which a jury might reasonably and properly conclude that there was negligence. Lord Justice Blackburn has dealt very fully with this point in the well known case of Rylands v. Fletcher.

In the case before me both parties had an equal right to the use of the highway, both were exercising that right. The onus of proof is on the plaintiff. He has not proved negligence, and had no intention of proving it, so

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. G. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General of Police, state:

General.

Revolver Practice. There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range on Wednesday, January 7th, 1931.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual on Tuesday, January 6th, at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

Chinese Company.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, January 14th, 1931 for a general inspection of Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Belt (without Frog), Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet and Badge, "Pocket Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Indian Company.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Wednesday, January 14th, 1931 for a general inspection of Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Belt (without Frog), Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet and Badge, "Pocket Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 6th. Fall in at Tsim-tai-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Friday, January 9th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Riot Drill. Riot Drill will be carried out on Kennedy Road on Tuesday, January 6th, at 5.15 p.m. Members will assemble outside Queen's Pier at 5.10 p.m. with revolvers and truncheons. Uniform if possible.

(Sgd) D. L. KING,
D. S. P. (R).

that in "ruling out" the alleged admission on the part of the defendant the plaintiff's case had not been prejudiced.

Lack of Proof.

Further, the plaintiff's claim for damage rests entirely on his own evidence and a not very convincing certificate given by a doctor who stated that the plaintiff "showed signs and symptoms of injuries to the soft tissues at the back of the neck." This does not appear serious and the doctor did not appear to think so either, for he only saw the plaintiff once. The doctor was not called to state the nature of the injuries, how they might have been caused and what remedy he recommended. I am not satisfied that he ordered a course of massage, neither am I satisfied, on the evidence, that the plaintiff was incapacitated for work.

There is nothing in the plaintiff's evidence to connect his injuries with the mishap in Queen's Road beyond the fact that he saw a doctor on the day it occurred. In fact, if I am to believe the evidence of the defendant, and I see no reason why I should not, the plaintiff suffered no injury at all. It is possible that the plaintiff's story is true, that he did suffer injury which necessitated a visit to the doctor, that the doctor recommended a course of massage, and that the plaintiff was incapacitated for 17 days and lost business as the result of it, but the evidence he gave does not convince me. It is all very well for him to come here and tell me his story, but I want proof before I make another man pay for all this.

So that quite apart from the question of negligence I find that the plaintiff has not proved that he has suffered any damage. I give judgment for the defendant with costs, and order payment out to him of the \$12.60 which he was paid into Court.

THE FELIX VILLA MURDER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

then disappeared towards the kitchen. Marks of blood.

After a few minutes, the wife got up and went to the door and saw the deceased lying in the passage way.

Mr. Murphy drew his Worship's attention to some blood marks shown in photographs on the stairs and mentioned that this suggested that the deceased had probably gone towards the steps and then fallen backwards. It was believed that he was dead when his wife emerged from her room.

Continuing, Mr. Murphy said the wife gave a minute description of the clothing that the accused was wearing at the time she saw him through her bedroom door, and she was positive he was the man she had seen.

Resuming his story, Mr. Murphy said that after the wife had found the husband lying in the passage, she raised the alarm and the master of the house went down. The police were then communicated with.

Accused Traced.

As a result of a statement made by the woman to the cook when he arrived on the scene, the police went to 28, Kennedy Road, where the accused had been employed as No. 1 "boy" for about a month before the crime. The accused occupied a room which he normally slept in by himself, but on the night in question there were two male servants, friends of the cook, sharing his room.

The defendant and the other servants retired at midnight on December 12, and at about 3 o'clock in the morning one of the occupants of the room would tell the Court that the defendant got up, and, after putting on his clothes, went out alone. He returned again shortly after six o'clock. He then went to his room and lay down in his bed.

He was arrested when the police arrived at about 7 o'clock. He was sleeping in the clothes he had gone out in, and these corresponded with the description given by the deceased's wife.

Bloodstains Found.

The defendant was taken to the No. 7 Police Station where he was examined by Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds. A certain deposit on his left finger-nail aroused the suspicion of the officers, who found further similar red deposits on two other fingers. At about 9 o'clock, the accused was taken to the Bacteriological Institute and there examined by Dr. D. Laing, who removed the deposits and found them to be blood. There was also a small abrasion on the middle finger of accused's left hand. On his trousers, bloodstains were also found.

An exhaustive search was made, but the instrument with which the fatal injury through the heart was inflicted, could not be found. The hearing was adjourned.

U.S. RAILWAYS.

FOUR LARGE SYSTEMS TO COMBINE.

New York, Jan. 2.

The Presidents of the four principal eastern railways, the New York Central (6,931 miles), the Pennsylvania (10,527 miles), the Baltimore and Ohio (5,292 miles) and the Chesapeake and Ohio (2,646 miles) have published details of their agreement in regard to the consolidation of all the principal railways in the East, except New England, into their four systems. The plan has been submitted for the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Each of the four enlarged systems will be worth \$2,000,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service*.

INDIAN DELEGATE.

DEATH OF MAHOMED ALI IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 4.

The death has occurred here of Mr. Mahomed Ali, one of the Indian Moslem delegates to the Round Table Conference.

He was one of the famous Ali brothers, who were closely associated with Gandhi in his first non-co-operation movement in India, but were opposed to the present civil disobedience campaign.—*Reuter*.

CRASH AT TRIPOLI.

CAPTAIN BARNARD COMES TO GRIEF.

Tunis, Jan. 3.

Captain Barnard and Lord Lovelace, accompanied by an American mechanic, and flying to Cape Town from England, have crashed at Tripoli. All were badly injured.—*Reuter*.

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CLUB STEAL POINT AT STADIUM.

ATHLETIC'S FORWARDS MASTERED.

RECREIO'S FIGHT AGAINST SOUTH CHINA.

MISSED CHANCES.

[By "Wanderer."]

The most surprising happening in local football on Saturday was the failure of Chinese Athletic to defeat the Club. The Club caught them on an off-day, gave a more than usually efficient defensive display and were within an ace of snatching a victory on more than one occasion in the last quarter of an hour.

In obtaining a point, the Club did South China a good turn, and the Caroline Hill side are now fast staving off the possibility of a challenge for the leadership, though their win against the Club de Recreio was not very impressive.

Kowloon defeated St. Joseph's and the Police conceded two goals to the Argyls without reply.

In the second division, Eastern gave to the head of the table for the first time in their history.

The full results are appended:

Senior Division.	
Chinese Ath.	0 H.K. Club
South China	3 Recreio
Kowloon	2 St. Joseph's
Police	0 Argyls
Junior Division.	
Eastern	1 Athletic
University	0 Club
Kowloon	0 R.A.
Navy	0 Argyls
Recreio	0 South China
Borderers	2 St. Joseph's
Third Division.	
R.A.F.	2 Athletic
Borderers	7 R.A.S.C.

RECREIO'S MISTAKE.

Fail to Maintain Early Promise.

In the absence of A. V. Gosano, the Club de Recreio were conceded very little chance of upsetting South China. They caused much anxiety to South China by their brilliant shock tactics in the early stages, however, and but for an error of judgment by Xavier who decided to bring B. Gosano from the wing to the inside-right position, a different conclusion might have been anticipated.

South China won by three goals to one, but only the third had any real merit about it, while there were occasions when Pau Kaping's charge appeared to bear a charmed life. In the first half, for instance, from a free kick (which should have been a penalty), Gosano's fast drive was charged down, Rocha struck on the turn to send the ball inside the angle of the posts, it bounced on the line and then out to Santos, whose header was marvellously saved by Pau. Rocha had similarly bad luck in the second half at the other end.

The Recreio's flashy start confounded the South China half-backs and it was fortunate from their viewpoint that Lau Mau and Li Tin-sang showed no loss of form. Even so Pau had a lot to do and it came as a surprise when South China obtained the lead as a result of a misunderstanding between the backs and the goalkeeper, the backs being chiefly to blame. The ball was punted into the goal-mouth, three South China forwards made a rush and Xavier and Silva-Netto, ignoring their opportunities of clearing (apparently thinking that Lawrence would run out) merely tried to obstruct, Chu Kwok-luen eluded Xavier and obtained a simple goal.

Shooting was erratic on both sides for the rest of this half, while the Recreio fell away badly inside. His brilliant centre had been a constant source of peril and had stimulated Ward and Rocha who had had something to strive for. When he came inside, the best they could manage was a short-passing system of attack down the middle, a thoughtless sort of game against such fine covering backs as Li and Lau.

Ward equalised for the Recreio ten minutes after the restart following Pau's failure to hold a shot by Rocha, and the splen-

did work of Xavier, principally, and his colleagues in defence, enabled the Recreio to hold South China at bay until ten minutes from the end. A corner gave a goal to Fung King-cheong, though Lawrence had every opportunity to punch clear, and three minutes later, Chua Yu-tim was presented with an open goal and made no mistake.

South China were certainly the better set of players, but were far from impressive and will need to inculcate more method about their attack if they hope to maintain their present record of success. The respective defences were far more efficient than the forwards, who expected to accomplish what was required of them by dash alone.

The Recreio deserve great praise for the way they tackled South China in a game full of interest, and it was rather a pity that Xavier did not leave his forward line alone. He was the outstanding player on the field, incidentally.

CLUBS' POINT.

Goalless Draw With The Athletic.

If the Club's front line could get into complete working order, the team would have excellent prospects of climbing out of the ruck.

In the game with Chinese Athletic, there was very little wrong with the defence, which mastered the lively opposition attack so completely for the most part, that the Club were fully entitled to their share of the spoils.

The home team did the bulk of the pressing, and Rodger had plenty of work to do, though McBride, Stewart and Duncan tackled and covered so well that Suen Kam-shun and his partners were rattled into wild shooting, even when excellent combination had carried them into the penalty area. Strange and McBride bottled up the left wing pretty effectively and the right did not get sufficient of the ball to offer a serious threat.

Forward, the Club were less effective. They were great triers, but they failed to get together as a line and individualism did not pay. Towards the close, Chan Shek-pui was hotly engaged and it looked likely that a dramatic goal would give the Club success, but the resourceful work of Lai Yuktat and Chan's steadiness in goal averted disaster. Lam Yik-ying was outstanding in a sound half-back line and Suen was the most enterprising forward, despite his loss of speed. Lim (from St. Joseph's) came into the front row for the first time but he did not make a success of the leadership.

ODD GOAL VICTORY.

Kowloon Miss A Penalty Against St. Joseph's.

Kowloon dominated the game with St. Joseph's in the first half. St. Joseph's finding progress against the opposing defence very difficult. Kowloon scored through Grimwood after five minutes, missed a penalty (Grimwood) after fifteen minutes, and became two up when Simpson scored after 25 minutes. Other chances were allowed to go begging and before the interval, Leonard burst through to obtain St. Joseph's goal.

Some bright play was witnessed in the second half. St. Joseph's making a big effort while Kowloon were resting on their laurels. Angus and the men in front of him were equal to the emergency, however, and before the end Kowloon were again definitely on top.

POLICE DEFEATED.

Highlanders Play Better Football.

The Police put up a great struggle, but the Argyls were the more polished side and their 2-0 victory was well deserved. The Argyls made further radical changes in their attack which were not wholly a success, the shooting being very poor for the most part, though the combination was good.

Lowden scored the opening goal ten minutes before the interval and McQuinn obtained the second on the stroke of time.

Clarke, Perkins and Shepherd were prominent in the Police defence, while Pile did well in the forward line. Hunter, in the Argyls goal, had few direct shots to save, the half-back line, generally speaking, being much too good for the Police attack.

Hughes and McKenna worked well together on the Scots' right wing, and the other forwards put in lots of effort.

DOBSON LEAVES IT TOO LATE.

EASY VICTORY FOR LAKE IN TITLE BOUT.

CRICHTON ALSO WINS.

[By "Wanderer."]

His Excellency the Governor and Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister in China, were members of the crowded audience at the City Hall on Saturday evening, when two reigning boxing champions, Stoker Perry Lake and Jock Crichton, resisted challenges with comparative ease.

Lake's marked superiority over Dobson in the lightweight bout came rather as a shock. Adopting new line of tactics, he took Dobson right out of his stride, and before the Thracian man had adjusted himself, already had the verdict in his pocket.

When winning the title, Lake was content to use the ring, allowing Dobson to do the bulk of the pressing. On Saturday, Lake carried the fight to his opponent from the very first round, peppering him with snappy rights and lefts, avoiding almost clumsy counters with beautiful footwork, and then going in again to deal out more punishment until Dobson was thoroughly rattled and did not appear sure as to whether he was on his head or his heels.

Lake showed his championship ability by his swift changes in tactics, which completed Dobson's discomfiture, and he won eight rounds in a row by the widest margin. In the ninth, he walked into a stiff right and found it necessary to clinch, but in the tenth and eleventh he was again the master-hand doing great work with his left. Invariably he landed two blows to one in the fast exchanges and barring a K. O. the bout was over at this stage.

Dobson's Effort.

Dobson must have realised this. He sailed into his man furiously, forcing all the time. Lake's ringcraft served him in excellent stead and though looking a trifle worried, he avoided real damage.

Dobson was reckless in his efforts to land a decisive blow and received some stinging counters, Lake fighting extremely well on the defensive. There was no doubt about the verdict when the end came. Dobson had won possibly two of the fifteen rounds, Lake took the first eight beyond a shadow of a doubt. Dobson appeared to think that he had not received justice when the announcement of the verdict was made, but the fact stood out that, strongly as he fought in the closing stages, he left his twelfth round, Dobson did not look the man who had given Lake such a gruelling fight a month before.

The belt, which becomes Lake's property, was presented to the winner by Sir William Peel, who promised to donate a new one to the association.

Crichton's Success.

In the earlier championship fight, chiefly memorable for the manner in which Begbie stood up to a steady battery and terrific punishment without flinching, Jock Crichton retained his welterweight title without great difficulty. The possibility of a surprise loomed up just once. In the fourth round, Crichton stopped Begbie's right swing and took a nasty jolt. He had rested on the boards to a count of eight when the gong came to bring relief.

Begbie discarded any hopes his supporters may have had immediately the gong went for the fifth round. Instead of dashing in seeking to worry Crichton before he had fully recovered, Begbie hung off, leaving the initiative to Crichton, who displayed a marked improvement from this stage on, his tumble evidently providing a needed steadying effect.

In the early rounds, he had indulged in a series of wild rushes, punching with both hands, giving little consideration to defence and apparently intent upon finishing the contest early. From the fifth round onwards, Crichton continued to be the aggressor (there would have been no fight had he not, Begbie simply refusing to take the initiative) but in a more deliberate and therefore more effective way.

Crichton concentrated on a body attack and wore Begbie down with a continuous rain of blows to the heart and stomach, varied only very occasionally with a short clip to the head. Begbie replied with a few stiff body blows, but he always fared badly in work at close quarters, and did little better at range, largely because most of his efforts were in the nature of counters.

He went to the boards in the ninth round after a succession of swift blows to the head, and afterwards, each round appeared likely to be the last. Crichton punched him everywhere almost at will without making the slightest effective impression. Now and again, Begbie would drive hard for Crichton's face

FANLING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

D. S. ROBB LEADS FIELD BY TWO STROKES.

MATCH PLAY DRAW.

The medal play stages of the R.H.K.G.C. Junior championship (for members with handicaps of ten or over) were played at Fanling yesterday, the leading scores being as follows:

D. S. Robb	84
B. D. Evans	86
G. E. Costello	86
C. B. Maturin	87
O. Enger	88
A. Blanche	88
H. Hampton	88
J. MacKnight	88
E. D. Matthews	89
L. Goldman	91
C. H. Burton	92
T. S. Whyte-Smith	92
D. S. Edward	94
W. Paterson	94
K. K. Rounds	94
W. S. Hillier	94
D. H. Blake and Commander Priestley	also returned cards of 94,

but were ruled out owing to having highest scores over the last nine holes.

The draw for match play resulted as follows:

B. D. Evans and L. Goldman.
D. S. Robb and W. S. Hillier.
J. MacKnight and E. D. Matthews.
H. Hampton and G. E. Costello.
T. S. Whyte-Smith and C. B. Maturin.
K. K. Rounds and D. S. Edward.
W. Paterson and A. Ritchie.
O. Enger and C. H. Burton.

Captain's Cup.

There were 48 entries for the Captain's Cup Competition, and Captain W. Davison qualified with a score of 87—14=75.

Commander Priestley, Dr. C. H. Burton, D. S. Robb and H. Hampton returned net scores of 74.

P.W.D. COOLIE AS SNATCHER.

PRISON AND BIRCHING ORDERED.

Chung Wai, a P.W.D. coolie was charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having snatched a handbag from Mrs. Louis, of 2, Humphreys Avenue, in Chatham Road yesterday.

The defendant was chased by a European gentleman and arrested. The value of the contents of the bag was \$82. The strap was broken when the defendant wrenched the bag from the lady's hand.

Sentence of one year's imprisonment and 20 strokes was imposed.

The Yellow Dragon, Queen's College magazine, extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Mulcahy, M.A. (Durham) who has just joined the staff. Mr. Mulcahy is by no means a stranger to the Colonies having spent some years in the Education Department at British Guiana.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following have been selected to represent the Club Army in the first round of the Sim Shield Matches on Wednesday at 4.30. U.S.R.C. ground:—Gregory, J. E. Henry, J. Rodger, A. Dand, M. W. Turner, J. Noronha, T. J. Price, C. Francis, H. Owen Hughes, C. G. More and C. P. Lammerl. Reserves:—M. G. Marriott and A. Botelho.

or body, showing that he still had fight left in him, but in the welter of blows going the other way these were hardly noticed. The loser received as much applause as the winner on leaving the ring.

The Preliminaries.

Stoker Goddon defeated Stoker Williams on points in the first bout of the evening, which was lacking in any particular interest. Both men packed heavy punches, but Goddon was the stronger and he finished with a flourish to earn the decision.

Of quite different quality was the meeting of A. B. Francis and Seaman Kelly in a eight-round contest. Kelly made his debut in the ring at the December tournament, winning a splendid fight. On this occasion, he had to give way to an old hand of much experience, after a plucky effort. His clever footwork and double punching, effective as they were, failed to counter Francis's determination to make it a fight instead of a boxing match. Kelly, in consequence, took severe punishment, and is to be praised for the manner in which he stood up to it.

Stoker Tyzaac was knocked out in the fourth round of a rough and tumble with A. B. Gowan, despite the latter's signals: "I am now about to hit with my left."

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

"SEAMEW" DEFEATS THE "TARANTULA".

Shameen, Jan. 3.

The Seamew defeated the Tarantula yesterday in the return match, in November being a draw of two goals each. From the kick-off, Seamew attacked in a determined manner and kept the Tula's defence close to their home goal.

Bagshaw being called on to save several times. After about ten minutes of continued pressure round their goal, the Tula broke away and raided the Seamew's territory. The defence were equal to the attack and the goal was never in real danger. From this to the end of the first half the exchanges were fairly even and the change-over took place without either side having scored.

Early in the second half, the Seamew were attacking again and with the Tula's goal out of position, the central forward carried the ball through the goal. The referee disallowed the point and gave a free-kick for hands. Within two minutes, Neave sent in a stinging shot which Bagshaw failed to clear properly and Hut-china returned into the net.

Tula were now on their mettle and tried hard to equalise, forcing two corners in succession, both of which were punched out by Seamew's goalie. Returning to the attack again, Tula's centre-forward, lobbed feebly over the cross-bar. Seamew now took charge of the game and Neave passed to White, who shot from the penalty spot and netted the second goal. After this the Tula worked hard but could not beat the defence and the final whistle came with the Seamew winning by two goals to nil, a well-deserved victory and their first this season.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Geneva	25.05 1/2	25.05 1/2
Berlin	20.39 1/2	20.40
Olo	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Helsingfors	193	193
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	34 1/2	34 1/2
Shanghai	1/4 1/2	35 1/10
New York	4.85 21/32	4.85 21/32
Amsterdam	12.06 1/2	12.06 1/2
Stockholm	18.13 1/2	18.13 1/2
Vienna	34.50 1/2	34.49 1/2
Madrid	46.30	46.30
Bucharest	818	818
Montevideo	35 1/2	35 1/2
Hongkong	1/0 1/2	1/0 1/2
Brussels	34.78	34.79 1/2
Milan	92.74 1/2	92.74 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Prague	163 1/2	163 1/2
Rio	4.10 1/2	4.10 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 1/2	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	14 1/2	14 1/2
(forward)	14 1/10	14 1/10

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LADIES' HOCKEY MATCH.

ENGLAND AGAIN BEAT SCOTLAND.

The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club staged their second "International" of the season at Soakunpo on Saturday. An England won the first match by the odd goal in five the Scots were out to avenge that defeat. The teams were as follows:

England.—F. Webber, E. Gray, B. Franklin, J. Lack, B. M. Pope, F. Cousins, E. R. Bell, P. M. Goodall, E. M. Donegan, M. Smalley and M. Bishop.

Scotland.—G. E. Little, A. Nichol, B. Laidy, J. L. Whyte, E. Bonnar, M. L. Wallace, I. C. Ball, N. McNeillie, A. Duncan, C. Ferguson and E. Blackburn.

It was a very hard game and most of the players felt the effects of a hot sun. There was little to choose between the teams, both defences being good and usually got the better of the forwards. For England, E. Gray and B. M. Pope played well in defence and E. Bell was the best of the forwards. E. Donegan worked hard in the centre but did not get the chances that her inside forwards got. P. M. Goodall scored the only goal with a good shot but she failed with quite a number of openings.

For Scotland, the defence was sound, the half back line, keeping Scotland well. M. Wallace played her usual good game. The forwards played well in open, especially the two insides, C. Ferguson and N. McNeillie, whose passes across the field to the opposite wing were a source of danger to the English defence. As a line they were better than the England forwards. Neither goalkeeper had much to do, G. Little having no chance with the shot that beat her.

St. Andrew's beat Y.M.C.A. A team from St. Andrew's Club engaged the Y.M.C.A. seconds, and won by the large margin of seven goals to two, the game being played at King's Park. The winners did most of the attacking and were obviously the superior combination.

The following will represent the University first eleven against the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade today at 5 p.m., sharp on the home ground.

A. B. Sulleman (Capt.), A. A. Aziz, W. A. James, R. E. G. Long, R. S. Ng, K. T. Loke, S. C. Ho, O. de Souza, G. E. Yeoh, A. M. Rodrigues and A. Basio.

TENNIS TOURNAMENTS STARTING SOON.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 9.

The annual tennis tournaments organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, including the Open Championship Singles and Doubles, are due to commence on February 9 and those intending to participate are notified that Saturday, January 17, is the closing day for entries.

An innovation is to be introduced in the two Open events this year in that the preliminary rounds will all be decided by the best of three sets and not five as has hitherto been the case. The semi-finals and the final, however, will be the best of five sets. The committee reserve to themselves the right to restrict the number of entries in these events if too numerous.

The usual events confined to members of the Club will also be commenced round about the same time.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football are given below. All are from Reuters excepting the 2nd Division Scottish Division.

First Division.

Birmingham	1 Derby	2
Blackpool	1 Blackburn	1
Bolton	1 Huddersfield	0
Grimsby	2 Newcastle	2
Leeds	1 Arsenal	0
Leicester	3 Manchester C	2
Liverpool	1 Middlesbrough	1
Manchester U.	1 Chelsea	0
Wednesday	1 Sheffield U.	3
Sunderland	0 Portsmouth	0
West Ham	5 Aston Villa	0

*Postponed on account of fog.

Second Division.

Bradford C.	1 Barnley	0
Burnley	3 Southampton	2
Millwall	6 Charlton	0
Nottingham	1 Bradford	0
Oldham	3 Stoke	0
Plymouth	3 Bury	4
Port Vale	1 Bristol C.	0
Preston N.E.	3 Reading	3
Swansea	2 Everton	0
Tottenham	1 Wolves	0
West Brom.	3 Cardiff	2

Third Division (South).

Bristol R.	2 Brentford	5
Coventry	4 Clapton O.	0
Exeter	2 Brighton	2
Fulham	3 Notts. County	1
Gillingham	2 Torquay	3
Grays	1 Crystal Pal.	2
Leamington	5 Northampton	2
Newport	3 Norwich	1
Queen's P.I.	1 Bournemouth	1
Southend	2 Walford	1
Swindon	6 Thames	0
Walsall	1 Unplayed.	0

Third Division (North).

Accrington	1 Wrexham	3
Barrow	7 Carlisle	2
Chesterfield	3 York	1
Darlington	2 Nelson	1
Headingley	1 Hull	0
Hull	0 Wigan	0
Leeds U.	1 Hartlepool	0
New Brighton	1 Crewe	0
Rochdale	3 Doncaster	0
Rotherham	1 Tranmere	1
Southport	4 Lincoln	2
Stockport	1	0

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	1 Cowdenbeath	1
Clyde	3 St. Mirren	0
Dundee	1 Hearts	0
Dunfermline	2 Ayr	0
Falkirk	2 Leith	3
Glasgow	0 Celtic	0
Glasgow	3 Partick	0
Glasgow	1 Motherwell	3
Queen's Park	3 Dundee	0
Rangers	3 Dundee	0

Second Division (Scottish).

Albion	4 Montrose	0
Arbroath	0 Raith R.	1
Borness	1 Arbroath	2
Brechin	4 Clydebank	

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LOCAL CRICKET.

CLUB'S DECISIVE VICTORY OVER NAVY.

The Hongkong C. C. defeated the Royal Navy by an innings and 113 runs in the last match of the annual triangular tournament on the home ground on Saturday.

On last Thursday's game the Club held the upper hand with a score of 350 runs for four wickets (declared) against 130 runs for nine wickets by their opponents. On the resumption of their innings the Navy increased their score by another thirteen runs when the last wicket fell.

With 213 runs in arrears, the Navy embarked upon their second venture, but fared even worse than in their first, compiling only 100 runs. Lt. Comdr. Squance and Lt. Glass gave them a good start but thereafter a rot set in and the wickets fell with regularity. Eight wickets were down for 68 runs, and it seemed unlikely that they could top the century but Jeffries came to the rescue with an invaluable knock of 27 runs, which saved the Navy from an utter collapse.

K. C. C. DEFEAT ARMY.

Two-Day Fixture Full of Bright Play.

The Kowloon C. C. defeated the Army by four wickets in their two-day fixture on the home ground, which concluded yesterday.

At the close of Saturday's play, Kowloon had established themselves in a strong position by dismissing their opponents for 117 runs and themselves scoring 81 runs without the loss of a wicket.

For the Army Pte. Salmon gave a sound start, but his 41 runs (21) and Waring (16) and Mueson (10) were the only other batsmen to enter double figures. Goodwin got half the wickets for 35 runs.

Bruce and Fincher gave their side a good start, but their innings yesterday, both these batsmen were soon out. Bruce after adding three more to his over-night score, and Fincher seven. Thereafter consistent scoring carried the total to 228 runs. Mackay was seen in fine knock for 29 runs, and out. The innings was declared closed when seven wickets had fallen.

The Army, set with 111 runs to obtain to prevent an innings defeat, would have collapsed if not for an enterprising innings by Mr. J. C. C. who in registering a century scored all round the wicket and was unfortunate to be run out. His invaluable knock, however, set the home side to get 86 runs for victory. Lyle bowled well to capture four wickets for 36.

With an hour left to get the runs, the Kowloon batsmen went all out for them, but at the expense of six wickets. Williams, the Army "shock" bowler, sprained his ankle in his second over and had to retire. F. Zimmerman contributed 33 runs, and the total of 86 runs and Bruce was undefeated with 16.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Three Games Played on Saturday in both Divisions.

There were only three League matches during the week-end; one in the first division and two in the second.

In the First Division game, the Indian R. C. gained an overwhelming victory over the Civil Service on the latter's ground. The Indians now hold a very commanding position in the League.

A sensation was created in the Second Division, when the Civil Service obtained full points from the Indian R. C. The latter, until now, had won all their matches. In the other match the Club de Recreio gained a decisive victory over the Club.

DIVISION I.

Indian R. C. Severely Trounce Civil Service.

At Happy Valley the Indian R. C. defeated the Civil Service C. C. by nine wickets.

Playing with four of their regular men away the Civil Service were no match for the Indians, and were soon all dismissed for the paltry total of 60 runs. Out of this total Evans contributed 11, Kelly 11 and Extras 18. A. R. Munn bowled exceptionally well in his first few overs, but fell off in the last when he conceded ten runs to Kelly. He, however, captured most of the wickets, taking in all five for 24. Pereira obtained four wickets for 18 runs.

The Indian batsmen started cautiously, and though the first wicket fell cheaply, the second wicket partnership, between S. A. Ismail and A. H. Madar saw their opponents' total passed. Both batsmen played correct cricket, considering the sort wicket, and paved the way for the succeeding batsmen who took full toll of the bowling. A. A. Rummah in a stylish knock contributed 34 runs.

DIVISION II.

League Leaders Suffer Their First Defeat.

The I. R. C. second string, who had until Saturday won all their matches, were defeated by the Civil Service by 26 runs at Soekunpo.

The visitors started well, Mathews and McGowan giving them a good start in a partnership of 32 runs for the first wicket; but all their succeeding batsmen, except Edmonds, failed to enter double figures, and the whole side was eventually dismissed for 118 runs. A. R. Saffell took three wickets for 17 runs.

It was generally expected that the Indians would easily make this total, but they failed to reach it by 20 runs. Their failure was due to the fine trundling of McGowan, who returned the fine analysis of five wickets for 17 runs. A. R. Saffell follow-

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND IN DANGER OF ANOTHER DEFEAT.

England are in danger of suffering yet another defeat in South Africa in the Second Test match which is being played at Cape Town, the I. C. C. tourists having had to follow on with a deficit of 163 runs. At the close of play on Saturday the Englishmen had scored 28 runs without loss in their second innings.

The weather on Saturday was cloudy and the wicket was wearing slightly at one end. Hammond, who went to bat with Leyland first thing in the morning, having lost Wyatt the previous day, was the first to leave after the score had been taken from 98 to 120. He was caught and bowled by McMillan after he had scored 57, the second wicket falling at 120. He played a determined innings and was at the wickets for two hours and ten minutes, scoring five fours altogether. While the match was adjourned for lunch the score had been taken to 177, Leyland being 40 and Hendren 30.

On resumption there was an attendance of 10,000 present. Leyland left after taking his score to 62, his wicket falling at 202. He gave a sound display and occupied the crease for two hours and four minutes. His score included six fours.

Turnbull left when the score was taken to 214 and then Chapman was dismissed without addition. Hendren and White took the score to 288 before the former was bowled after contributing an attractive 83, which included four fours, compiled in two hours and 36 minutes. At tea time the score was 292 for six, White 23 and Tate 3.

Only one run had been added when White was given out leg before wicket, and with the score at 412 Tate lost his wicket. Voce and Peebles saw the 350 registered before they were separated and without any further addition Duckworth was leg before, the innings closing for 350 runs, 163 behind the South Africans' score.

The tourists followed on and at the close of play had scored 28 runs without loss. The match is being continued to-day.

In response to a request from A. P. F. Chapman, H. W. Lee, the Middlesex batsman, who is coaching at Grahamstown, joins the I. C. C. team to-day, replacing A. Sandhu, who is suffering from a fractured bone in his ankle.

The full scores, as cabled by Reuter, are given below:

South Africa—1st Innings.
I. J. Siddle, c Chapman, b White 141
B. Mitchell, b Tate 123
B. P. Nupen, b Tate 122
H. W. Taylor, c White, b Leyland 147
R. H. Catterall, b Tate 66
H. B. Cameron, c Peebles, b White 26
S. Balaskas, c Turnbull, b Leyland 0
H. G. Deane, b Leyland 7
Q. McMillan, not out 3
C. L. Vincent, not out 3
Extras 21

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 613
wickets:—1 for 260; 2 for 299; 4 for 447; 5 for 473; 6 for 502; 8 for 506.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	43	13	79	3
Hammond	10	2	27	—
Voce	33	11	85	—
Peebles	28	2	35	—
White	12	1	101	2
Leyland	30	6	91	3
Wyatt	2	—	4	—

England—1st Innings.

R. E. S. Wyatt, b McMillan 40
W. R. Hammond, c and b McMillan 57
M. Leyland, b Bell 52
E. Hendren, b Balaskas 93
M. J. Turnbull, b Bell 7
A. P. F. Chapman, b Bell 9
J. C. C. White, b Balaskas 23
M. W. Tate, c Taylor, b McMillan 15
W. Voce, c and b Vincent 30
I. A. R. Peebles, not out 7
G. Duckworth, l.b.w., Vincent 0
Extras 26

Total 350

Fall of wickets:—1 for 76; 2 for 120; 3 for 202; 4 for 214; 5 for 214; 6 for 288; 7 for 293; 8 for 312; 9 for 350; 10 for 350.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bell	27	9	53	3
Catterall	5	3	2	—
Nupen	22	7	43	—
Balaskas	16	—	76	2
Vincent	17	4	40	2
McMillan	33	6	111	3

England—2nd Innings.

R. E. S. Wyatt, not out 16
W. R. Hammond, not out 7
Extras 5

Total (for 0 wks.) 28

ed up his bowling with a good innings for 38 runs.

HOLDERS DEFEATED.

A Big Score by Club de Recreio.

At King's Park the Club de Recreio defeated the Hongkong C. C. by 118 runs.

An enterprising knock of 77 runs by Alves was responsible for the Club de Recreio's total of 166 runs for the loss of six wickets. Four other men entered double figures.

The Hongkong batsmen found C. M. Sousa in a very destructive mood, and all dismissed for the paltry total of 48 runs. Sousa took six wickets for 26 runs.

University v. Kowloon.

The University second string were opposed to the Kowloon second string on the home ground, and the match ended in a draw. In the first half the University ran up a total of 167 runs for six wickets (declared). The batting was consistent, the highest being 30 runs by Aziz. The Kowloonites replied with 147 runs for four wickets, F. S. W. Smith being top scorer with 58 runs not out. G. Lee and Raven got 55 and 23 respectively.

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Pianoforte Solo-Safety In Numbers (Whiting).

Billy Meyer. 287.
Humorous Song-Bankey-Doodle-Do (Sarony).
Humorous Song-Jolly Farm (Sarony).

Leslie Sarony. 5097.
Miniature Revue-How Do You Do? (Simpson and Holt).
Emmy Joyce, Billy Leonard, Mark Dally, John Thorne and Co. 5624.
Humorous Song-Belleve Me (From Show of Shows).

Irene Bordon. 5736.
Humorous Song-Singing In The Bath (From Show of Shows).
Edie Walters. 5737.

Duet-Tip Toe Thru The Tulips With Me (From Gold Diggers of Broadway).
Layton and Johnstone. 5708.

7.40-8.25 p.m. Orchestral.
Hungarian Rhapsody (Liszt).
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Micham Liecht, Clara Verena, Francis Russell and Harold Williams. 9555.
Don Giovanni-Selections (Mozart).
Bournemouth Municipal Orch. 50178.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report Local Time, etc.
9.05 p.m. Operatic Continued.
Il Trovatore-Tempest of The Heart (Verdi).

Dennis Noble (Baritone). 9556.
Aida-Grand March (Verdi).
Milan Symphony Orchestra. 9506.
Queen of Sheba-Lend Me Your Aid (Gounod).

Francis Russell (Tenor). 9508.
9.30-9.45 p.m. Organ Solo.
Frederic-Wayside Rose (Franz Lehar).
Frederic-O Maiden My Maiden (Franz Lehar).

9.45-10.30 p.m. Solos and Octets.
Minuet In D (Mozart).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 75.
Die Meistersinger-Prize Song (Wagner).

Ave Verum (Mozart).
W. H. Squire 'Celloist. 50248.
Jutish Medley (Grainiger).
Perev Gralinger. 50129.

Moonbeams and Shadows (J. H. Squire).
Melody (Davies).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 5639.
From The Canebrake (Gardner).
Estrellita (Ponce).

Albert Sammons Violinist. 2282.
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DISPUTE OVER REMOVED CHINESE ANTIQUES.

London, Jan. 3. In a letter to *The Times*, Dr. Percy Stafford Allen, M.A., D.Litt., President of Corpus Christi, Oxford, since 1924, an intimate friend of Sir Aurel Stein, the antiquarian, expresses the conviction that the "remarkable derogatory to new China" attributed to Sir Aurel Stein, are fantastic, ridiculous, and baseless, and suggests that someone invented them. He points out that Sir Aurel Stein had given his formal assurance that no antiquities would be removed from China without Chinese consent.—*Reuter*.

[Sir Aurel Stein is now in charge of an expedition in the province of Sinkiang. He has already carried out a number of important geographical and archaeological explorations in Central Asia and West China. Toward the end of last year the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Relics petitioned Nanking that his present expedition be stopped, and alleging that he was guilty of attempting to remove valuable relics from the country, in spite of the fact that he had given an undertaking to the Government that he would remove nothing without its permission. It was also alleged that before coming to China Sir Aurel Stein made a speech at the Harvard and Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies attacking Young China and the Kuomintang, and announced that he would bribe the Sinkiang officials to allow him to carry out his purposes. It was further alleged that the meeting voted him

CHINA'S TRADE.

NANKING AND MUKDEN IN ACCORD.

Peking, Jan. 3. Contrary to all expectations, General Chang Hsueh-liang of the Manchurian and Northern Government, has issued a proclamation announcing the determination to co-operate with Nanking for the abolition of all irregular taxes in Fengtien, Hollungkiang, Kirin, Jehol, Chihli, Shansi, etc., districts under his direct control. Stating that during his recent visit to Nanking he had arrived at a complete understanding with the Nanking Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, General Chang Hsueh-liang said that in future tax administration in his seven provinces in North China would follow regulations and procedures laid down by the Nanking Ministry.

Abolition Announced.

Peking, Jan. 3. Honan, Chihli, Shansi, and Szechuan provinces announce the abolition of *ikim*.—*Reuter*.

Effect of Tariff.

London, Jan. 3. Four thousand employees of British-American Tobacco Company in Liverpool have been put on half time as a direct consequence of the new Chinese tariff. —*Reuter*.

£81,000,000 for expenses and £825,000 for the bribing of the officials.]

THE GOLD SHORTAGE.

REDUCTION OF THE FRENCH BANK RATE.

London, Jan. 3. The reduction of the French bank rate to two per cent., following a recent similar move by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is announced to-day. This is believed to be part of the plan for French and American co-operation, with a view to checking the flow of gold to France and America, which created a serious shortage of gold elsewhere. The plan is a sequel to conversations between the heads of the Bank of England (the Rt. Hon. Montagu Norman), the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the Bank of France.

Experts Meet.

Further developments are anticipated as a result of the meeting between British and French Treasury experts at present being held in Paris.

It is suggested that both France and the United States are likely to make a big effort to increase foreign lending, so as to release their gold and leave the British banks in a better position to finance industry.—*Reuter*.

The Young Plan.

Paris, Jan. 3. In reference to the discussions between British and French financial experts, aiming at closer co-operation between the London and Paris money markets, *Le Journal* says that Paris will be happy to join "a common policy for the defence of the Young Plan, which is threatened in the near future." *Le Matin* declares that France is ready to help "certain countries" financially, provided that campaigns for a revision of the Peace Treaty cease.—*Reuter*.

PEACE PROSPECTS IN 1931.

TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF EUROPE.

London, Jan. 4. At the beginning of the 13th year after the armistice, Europe is still stalked by the spectre of war. This is eloquently illustrated by the Sunday papers.

On its first appearance in 1931 the *Sunday Times* says that Europe in 1931 will be at the turning point of her history. It does not consider, judging from the immediate outlook, that the prospects of peace and security are too rosy. "On all sides economic depression has produced internal reactions, which tend more toward violence than composure."

Declaring that nobody wants war, the paper urges "the mobilization of public opinion during the coming months so as to make its voice decisively heard when the Disarmament Conference meets."

The *Observer* asserts that the year has opened with increasing diplomatic uneasiness in Europe. It quotes the German Chancellor's New Year's Day demand for "equal security for all nations" and concludes: "Not before has the issue been so clearly foreshadowed whether Germany is to be driven from Geneva by Geneva's own failure."

Reynold's Illustrated News gives prominence to an interview with Viscount Cecil in which he says: "I think 1931 will be a very critical year. Probably before the end of the year the question of disarmament will become very, very acute."

In a leader the same journal says that Viscount Cecil's warn-

SHANGHAI SUIT.

MR. EDWARDS' CAUSE FOR ACTION.

Shanghai, Jan. 3. Further details in regard to the suit against the Municipal Council, brought by Mr. S. M. Edwards, the present Secretary, were ascertained to-day from official sources, which expressed the wish to remain confidential.

Mr. Edwards apparently claims 60,000 taels as compensation for the cancellation of his option to renew his contract, and as compensation for deprivation of his post as from September to the end of next year, the date of the expiration of his contract.

There has been confessed friction between him and his superiors for some months past on the same score.

The ground for his action before the Courts is as follows:—On August 22 the Salaries Commission report, which was included with the current issue of the *Municipal Gazette*, recommended that, with a view to the improvement of the relations between the Director General's office and the Secretariat, it was advisable that the Director General should be henceforth described as the "Chief Commissioner and Secretary," the latter title being appended to comply with the Land Regulation requirements.

The report went on to say: "If this arrangement is carried out the organization will be improved."

Mr. Stirling Fessenden's appointment as Director General expires on April 17 next year and he will then be recommended to the ratepayers as "Commissioner General and Secretary." Mr. Edwards' services being no longer necessary.

Mr. Fessenden's salary is 20,000 taels and Mr. Edwards' 18,000 taels, so it is commonly believed by local ratepayers that the economy achieved by the change will be negligible, especially as Mr. Fessenden's allowance very probably will be increased.

There is local dissatisfaction with the official attitude, the extreme opinion being that the object of the Salaries Commission, which was economy, is not possible of achievement by such measures.

Mr. Edwards' petition is due to come before the Court of Consuls, consisting of the Consuls General of Great Britain, the United States and Belgium, in about a month's time.

GUNBOAT ATTACKED.

H.M.S. MANTIS FIRED ON BY "RED" TROOPS.

Peking, Jan. 3. Eight hundred Red troops attacked the British gunboat, H.M.S. Mantis, yesterday on the Yangtze, opening heavy fire. The Mantis replied with great effect, inflicting many casualties but receiving none.—*Reuter*.

ing will be justified speedily as the Council of the League of Nations will shortly be faced with one of the thorniest international questions, namely the ill-treatment of minorities in Europe. Referring to the treatment of Germans in Upper Silesia it declares that a clash between Germany and Poland might well set Europe alight and sap the strength of the League of Nations beyond recovery. It urges that justice must be done at Geneva.—*Reuter*.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Sunday, Dec. 28.—Mr. Hornell and Mr. Jenyns left Government House. The following Members of the League of Nations Commission on Social Hygiene were received by His Excellency the Governor and lunch at Mountain Lodge:—Mr. Bascom Johnson, Mr. Carol Plindor, Dr. Sundquist, The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Hallifax, Mme. Plindor, Mr. Von Schmieden (Secretary to the Commission), Mr. North and Lt. Young, also lunch at Mountain Lodge.

Monday, Dec. 29.—His Excellency the Governor presided at meetings of the Legislative and Executive Councils.

Tuesday, Dec. 30.—His Excellency the Governor was represented by Mr. G. W. A. Tufon (Private Secretary) at the funeral of the Reverend W. F. Crosthwaite.

Wednesday, Dec. 31.—His Excellency and Lady Peel moved to Government House.

Thursday, Jan. 1.—His Excellency the Governor, attended by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., attended the football match between the Combined Services and the Hongkong Football Club.

Lady Peel, attended by Mr. G. W. A. Tufon (Private Secretary) attended the Children's Sports at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Friday, Jan. 2.—Sir Miles Lampson, Capt. and Mrs. Phipps, and Miss Lampson and Mr. Stirling, arrived at Government House.

His Excellency Senior Tamagnini de Barbosa, Governor of Macao, and Mme. Tamagnini had tea at Government House.

Saturday, Jan. 3.—Capt. Mackinnon, H.M.S. Hermes, lunched at Government House. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Miles Lampson, Capt. Phipps and Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., attended the Boxing Contest at the City Hall.

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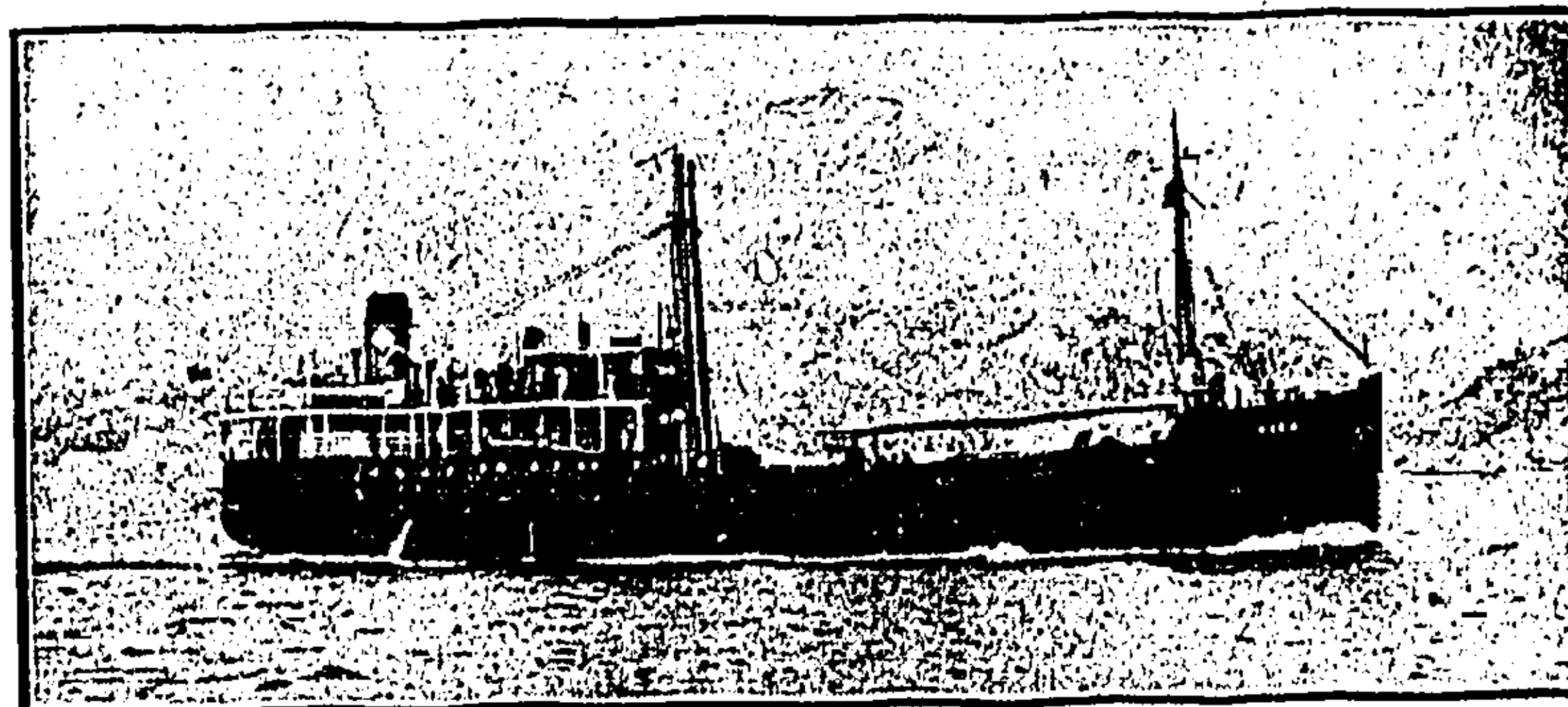
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MALWA	10,980	31st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
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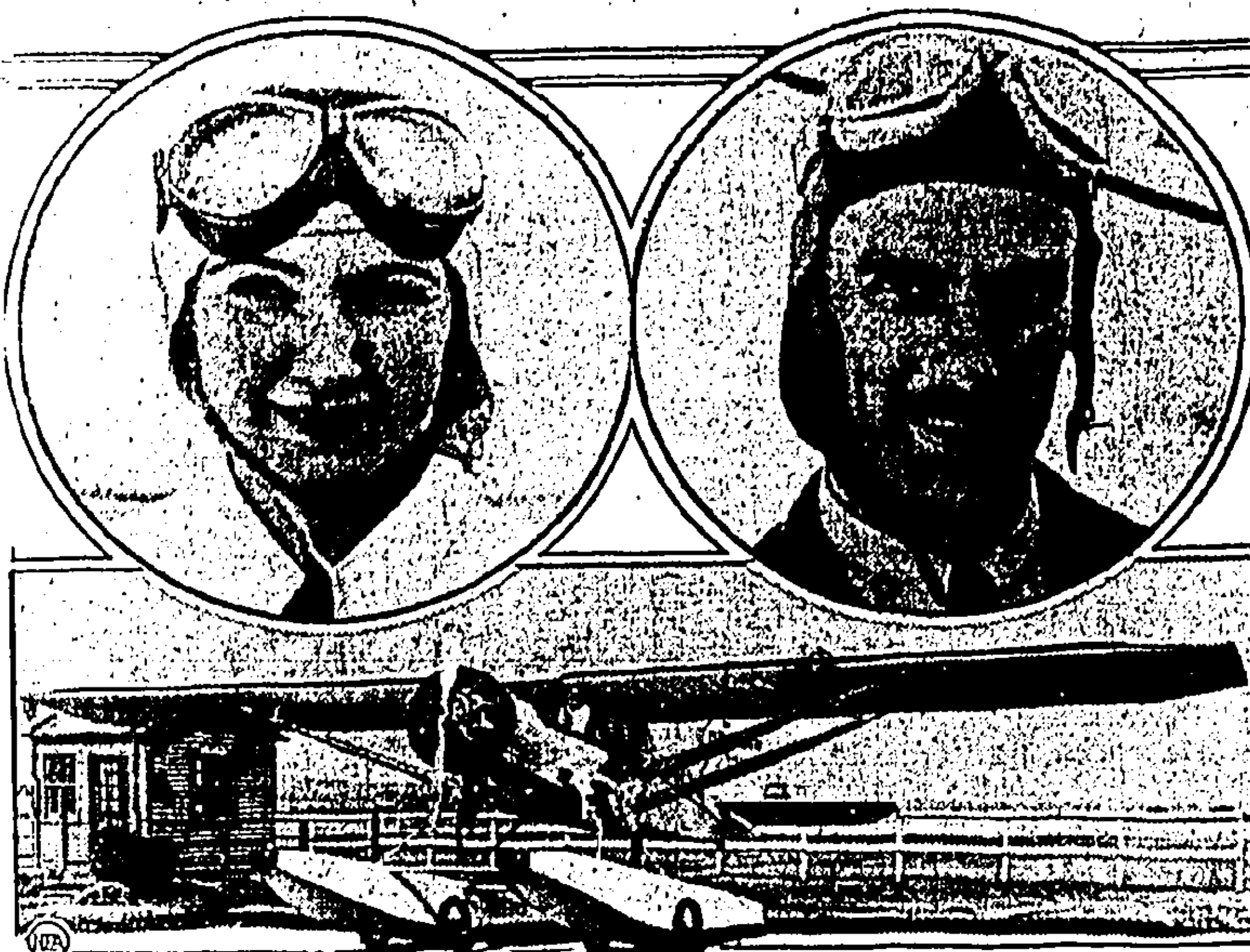
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WITNESSES SAID TO BE MAD!

ARSON CONSPIRACY TRIAL CONTINUES.

PRISONER'S DENIALS.

Li Fui-ping, alias Li Yau, first prisoner in the Wing Lok Street arson case, was cross-examined by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, counsel for the Crown, when the Criminal Sessions were resumed this morning before Mr. Justice Wood and a jury. At the last hearing on Friday, two of the three counts were withdrawn against first and second prisoners, who are defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, the remaining count alleging conspiracy to set fire to No. 77, Wing Lok Street. All three counts still stand against third prisoner, who is not defended.

Prisoner said that he never went into the closed room on the first floor at No. 77, Wing Lok Street and that he had never seen a hammer (produced) which was found in the cockpit. When shown the naphthalene, found on the premises, he stated that he did not know what it was and had not seen anything similar while staying at No. 77. He added that he had never seen anyone go into the closed room. He had never seen the door open and had never looked inside.

Those Palm Leaves.
With regard to the ordering of palm leaves, their arrival and delivery, prisoner denied that he had anything to do with ordering them on behalf of the Po Tai, and said that he knew nothing about them.

He admitted that a desk, in which it is alleged documents were found relating to the palm leaves, was used by himself and the staff of the steamship company he intended to start, saying it was brought from Macao and was taken to No. 63, Connaught Road West, the address of the Po Tai firm, on October 15 or 16. He did not know that any documents concerning the palm leaves were in the desk.

Answering further questions, prisoner said that on October 18 (the night of the fire) he slept at No. 63, and his second son, Li Yau, instead of returning to No. 77, being the place where he was accustomed to sleep, made up a bed by putting the desk and a round table together at No. 63.

Asked why his son should make himself an uncomfortable bed instead of returning to No. 77, as it was not late, prisoner said that Li Yau was a very dutiful son and wanted to be beside him (prisoner) all the time.

Witnesses "Mad."
Prisoner said that at about 1 a.m. his third son, Li Cheung, came along and told him that there had been a fire at No. 77, saying it had been started by the partners who had been losing money at gambling.

When Mr. Fitzroy referred to the evidence of other witnesses, one of whom stated that he (first prisoner) was not present at No. 63 that night, and another, that he went there for a while and then went away, prisoner said that the witnesses were mad.

The case is proceeding.

"I have come back to find a job," pleaded a Chinese named Li Ping-hi, when charged, before Mr. Butters at Kowloon this morning, with having returned from banishment. He was banished in 1928 for a period of ten years. Nine months' imprisonment was now imposed.

AN EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

CLERK FROM A. S. WATSON'S IN DOCK.

Charged with the embezzlement of \$520, Cheung Chak-pui, a clerk employed by A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. Lindsell in the Central Magistracy this morning.

CHINESE AND BURMESE IN CONFLICT.

Six Killed in Renewal of Rangoon Rioting.

SPREADING IS FEARED.

Rangoon, Jan. 4.
A revival of racial warfare between Chinese and Burmese occurred this morning in the Lamadaw district, in the western part of Rangoon. Six of the combatants were killed and thirty-three were injured.

The total casualties since the trouble began are officially stated to be ten killed and 65 injured. The police have several times been forced to open fire on the mobs to restore order.

Strict steps are being taken to prevent the trouble from spreading.—*Reuter*.

Appearing for defendant, Mr. F. H. Loseby asked for bail, pointing out the undesirability of filling the gaols at the present time, in view of the prominence given to the question by recent events.

The request was not granted.

RECENT SHOOTING AFFAIR.

WOMAN AGAIN APPEARS IN COURT.

Another formal remand for a week was granted by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Jessina Marin Xavier, aged 43 years, was charged with the attempted murder of Mr. A. J. Manton, a Hongkong Tramways Inspector at Wanchai on December 27.

Sub-Inspector M. Murphy, who prosecuted, told the Magistrate that Mr. Manton was progressing as well as could be expected.

THE SOUTH WALES COAL STOPPAGE.

PRIME MINISTER TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION.

London, Jan. 4.
The Mines Department announced last night that no agreement was reached at the meeting of the South Wales Joint Conciliation Board at Cardiff yesterday.

The South Wales Miners' Federation has asked for a deputation to be received by the Prime Minister, the President of the Board of Trade and the Mines Secretary, which it is expected will be arranged for Monday.—*British Wireless*.

REVOLVER BATTLE IN COAL AREA.

POLICE AND COMMUNISTS IN CONFLICT.

GERMAN DISORDERS.

Berlin, Jan. 4.
One Communist was killed and several policemen and Communists wounded during a revolver battle between the police and Communists in the coal-mining district on the left bank of the Rhine.

There are 32,000 miners on strike in this district.—*Reuter*.
Notwithstanding the union leaders' efforts to keep the men working, the strike situation in the Ruhr coalfields is becoming worse. A high per centage of the 300,000 workers are idle and the situation is developing an ugly aspect owing to Communist picketing. The pickets including women dressed in men's clothing, are forcibly preventing volunteers from reaching the pits.

Frequent armed clashes with the police have taken place, there being other incidents in which a man was killed and several wounded.—*Reuter*.

ATTEMPTED FRAUD ALLEGED.

LOCAL BANK'S DEPOSIT CERTIFICATES.

Charges of a serious nature were brought against an unemployed Chinese before Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court this morning, when Detective Sergeant MacDonald charged the man in respect of possession and uttering of two certificates of deposit on the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation for \$10,000 issued to Mr. Chi Ki-chin in August last.

The prosecuting officer made an application for a remand for 48 hours and indicated that the police wished to enable the defendant to secure certain witnesses for the defence.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday morning.

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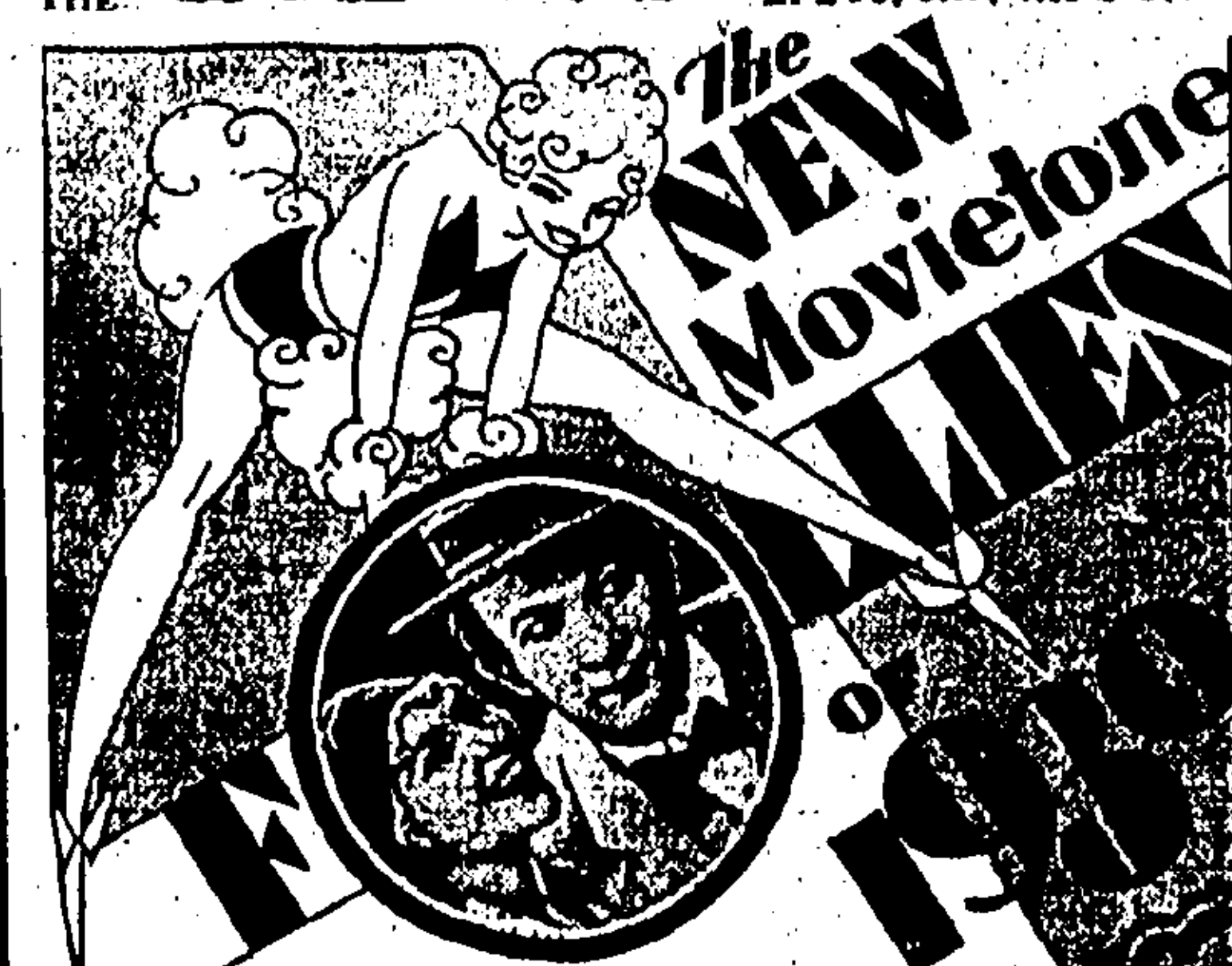
Nanking, Jan. 4.
The Nanking Executive Council yesterday issued a decree warning military officers in North China against the procedure of commandeering rolling stock of the railways and requesting them to restore all rolling stock which they held.

Tainanfu telegrams state that General Han Fichu, the Military Governor of Shantung, has returned one locomotive and 114 freight and passenger coaches of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, two locomotives 280 freight and passenger coaches of the Tainanfu-Kinohow Railway, and four locomotives from the Peking-Hankow Railway to the management of the respective lines.

General Han states that he retains only one locomotive and thirty coaches for the transportation of troops in connexion with the anti-bandit campaign in Shantung.

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